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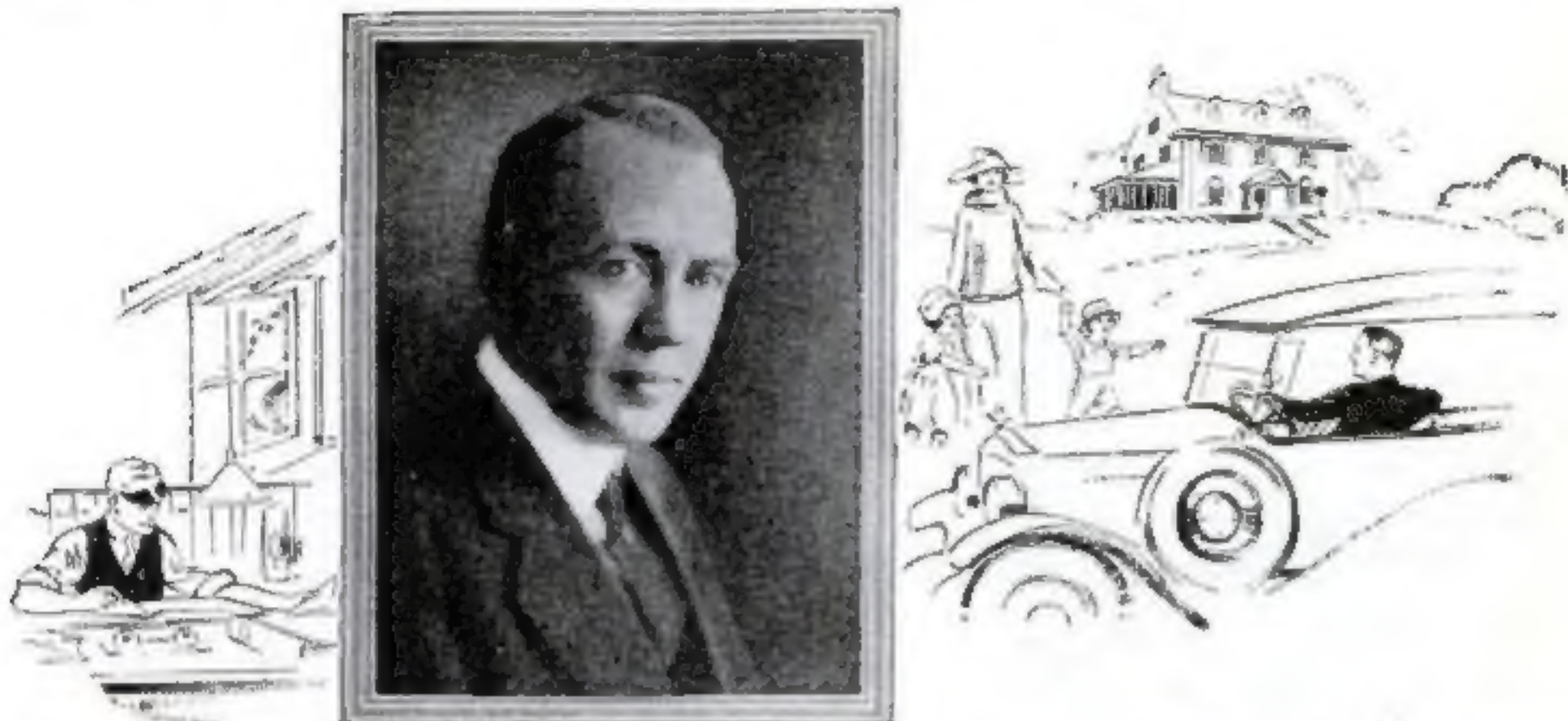
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# A Personal Message to Men Who Want to Earn More than \$7,000 Every Year

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**W**HEN a civil service clerk earning only \$25 a week suddenly surprises his friends by increasing his earnings to nearly \$200 a week—when a farm hand earning only \$60 a month begins to earn \$1,000 a month—when a railway mail clerk earning \$1,600 a year changes his job and earns \$1,000 in thirty days—when hundreds of others quickly jump from small pay to magnificent earnings—then blame yourself if you do not do equally well.

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## I Pledge You My Word You Can Do It

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**Figure 1**

**Abstract** The purpose of this study was to determine the effect of a 12-week training program on the heart rate (HR) and blood pressure (BP) of sedentary, middle-aged men. The subjects were divided into two groups: a control group and an exercise group. The control group consisted of 10 men who did not exercise, and the exercise group consisted of 10 men who exercised for 12 weeks. The HR and BP were measured at baseline and at the end of the 12-week period. The results showed that the exercise group had a significant decrease in both HR and BP compared to the control group. The HR decreased from 72 to 68 beats per minute, and the BP decreased from 120/80 to 110/70 mmHg. The control group showed no significant change in HR and BP. The results suggest that a 12-week training program can effectively reduce HR and BP in sedentary, middle-aged men.

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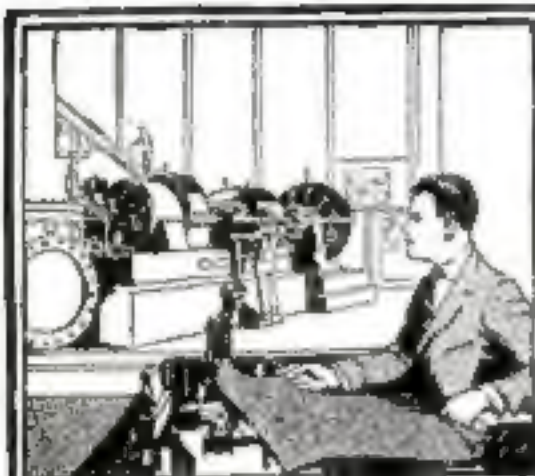
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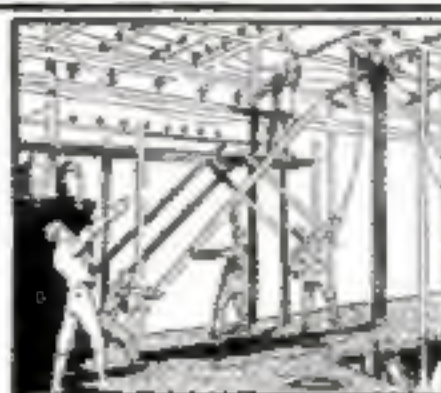




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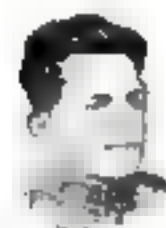








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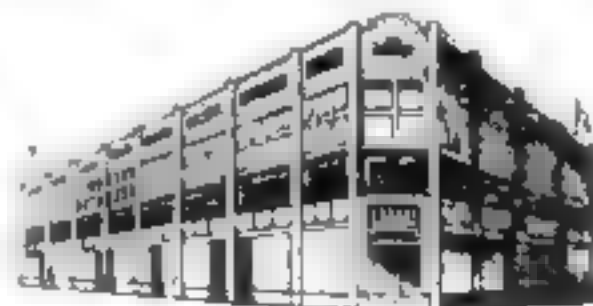
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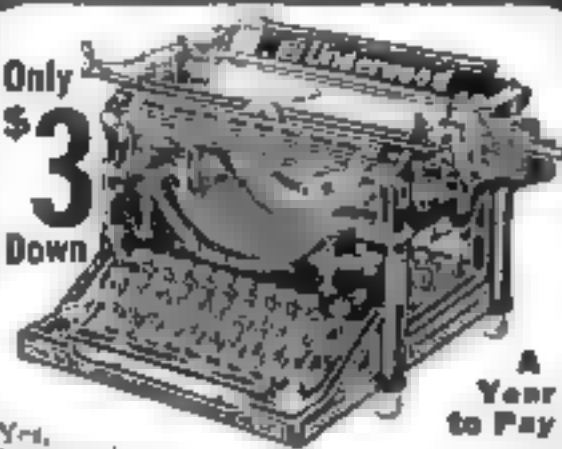
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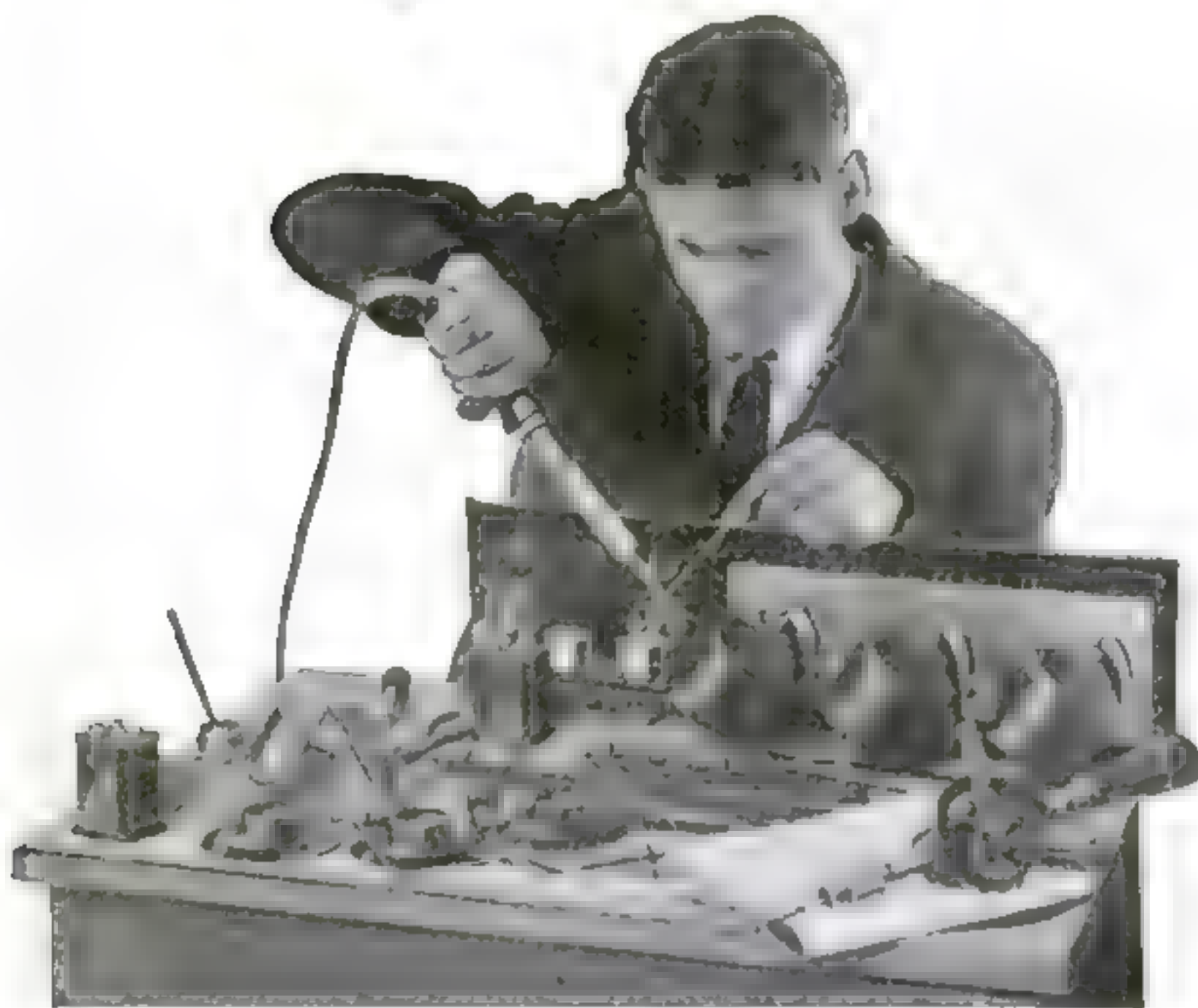


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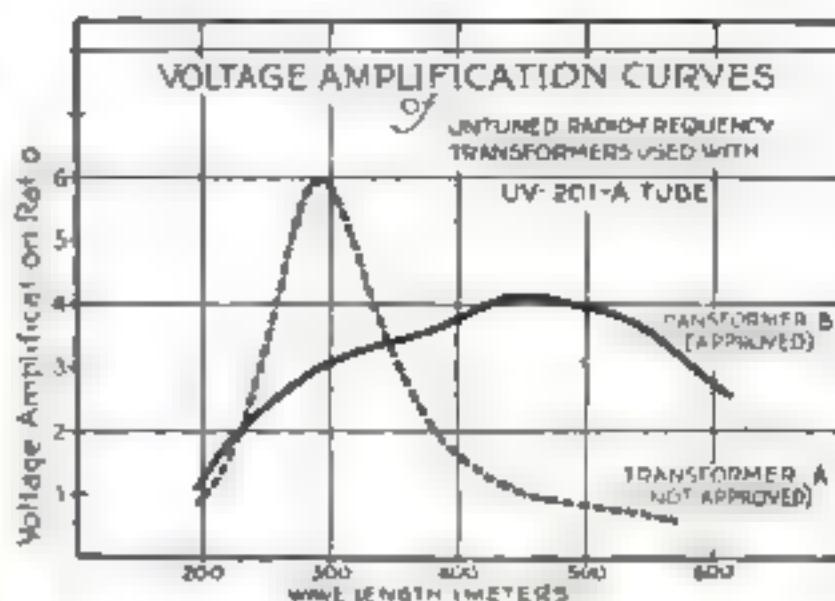
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# Radio-Frequency Transformers under Test



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By Alexander Senauke, M.E.

Radio Engineer of the  
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**N**O MATTER how well a set is built and how efficient the circuit employed, if the parts used in the set are not up to standard, satisfactory results cannot be expected. Just one deficient part is enough to lower the efficiency of a whole set and too much emphasis cannot be put on the necessity of employing high grade units throughout.

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drawn representing variations of amplification with frequency (or wave length).

In the case of ordinary radio-frequency transformers, we study the curve to see how nearly the amplification approaches that of an ideal transformer that would give uniform amplification for all frequencies. Our basis of approval is how nearly that curve approaches the ideal.

It is a disadvantage of all untuned radio-frequency transformers that they do not receive all wave lengths equally well. Most radio-frequency transformers have amplification peaks that make them favor stations operating on corresponding wave lengths. On other wave lengths the efficiency is greatly reduced.

The curves illustrated above show how one transformer that was disapproved failed to give any degree of uniformity in

amplification of wave lengths and how comparatively slight the variations were of an approved transformer.

In the case of transformers that are intended for use in super-heterodynes, similar voltage-amplification curves are taken for the entire set and a study is then made of these curves to determine how well these transformers are matched as to characteristics.

Such transformers, to receive our approval, must have amplification characteristics that match within reasonable limits. Here, again, we cannot insist on an absolute match that would be impossible except in a case where a set of transformers were specially constructed. In addition to the above-mentioned requirement, transformers must show a fair degree of amplification and must be of sound mechanical and electrical construction.

Wherever possible, the conclusions from the above tests are corroborated by the actual use of the transformer, or set of transformers, in radio receiving circuits for which they are designed.

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## A Sailing Ship without Sails; New Wonder of the Seas

Huge spinning cylinders harness the wind—Inventor plans to take strange vessel across the ocean this year

*By G. B. Seybold*

**F**ROM the wharves at Kiel, Germany, the schooner *Buckau* recently put out to sea, a ship without sails or steam. Like a ghost ship it moved mysteriously through the water with no apparent means of propulsion.

The astounded spectators on shore knew that the boat was an old 2000-ton steel vessel and that previously 500 square yards of canvas had been needed to propel her. But now she was denuded of all sails, masts, and rigging. Instead, two strange cylinders, resembling giant smoke-stacks, rose from her deck. But no smoke was pouring from them and no engine noise was heard. There was no churning of screws. Yet the ship plowed its way through the rough waters of the Baltic, and at nearly twice its former speed.

**F**OR several weeks the secret of the strange ship with the great towers was closely guarded. People were told only that the craft was equipped with a Flettner rotor, a new invention, the work of Anton Flettner, director of the Institute of Aerodynamics at Amsterdam, Holland.

When finally the explanation came, the world gasped in amazement. For Doctor Flettner calmly announced that he had returned to the wind as a source of energy. He had harnessed it in a new way. He had developed an invention that may permit ocean liners to reduce their crews two-thirds and save 90 per cent in fuel. He

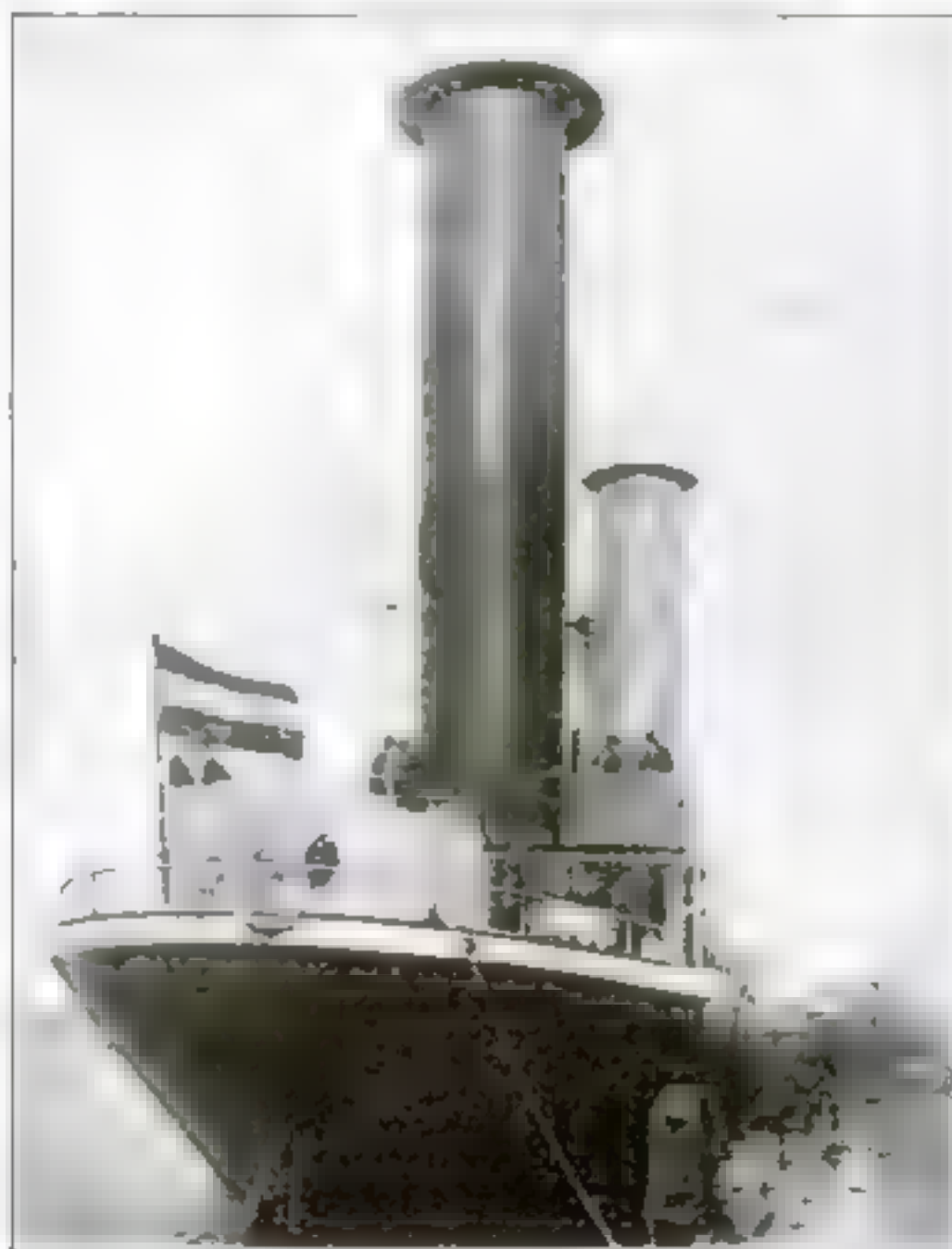
had provided a way for one man to operate a ship, if need be.

The huge cylinders of the *Buckau*, he explained, were spun by a small engine.

ships had relegated sailing vessels into dim obscurity, immediately challenged international attention. Several authorities, including officials of a great steamship line, pronounced the invention the most startling maritime development since Fulton's steamboat. Others were more skeptical, asking how the *Buckau* would perform in a heavy sea, and are yet to be convinced of the value of the invention. They also pointed out that the most that can be claimed for the new ship is that it will apply to better advantage the power available for a ship supplied with sails. It cannot replace, in any case, the ship driven by steam or internal-combustion engines. In the United States most experts have adopted an attitude of "watchful waiting" with regard to the invention.

**T**HE scientific principle upon which Doctor Flettner based his invention has been known for nearly three-quarters of a century. Briefly, this is that a cylinder revolving in a current of wind will exert pressure at right angles to the current. This principle, known as the Magnus law, can be understood readily by any one who is familiar with baseball. The giant cylinders, or rotors, spinning in the wind, increase air pressure on one side and suction on the other, just as the surface of a rapidly

spinning baseball from the hand of a pitcher piles up a difference of pressure on its two sides that deflects the ball into a "curve." In the case of the baseball, of

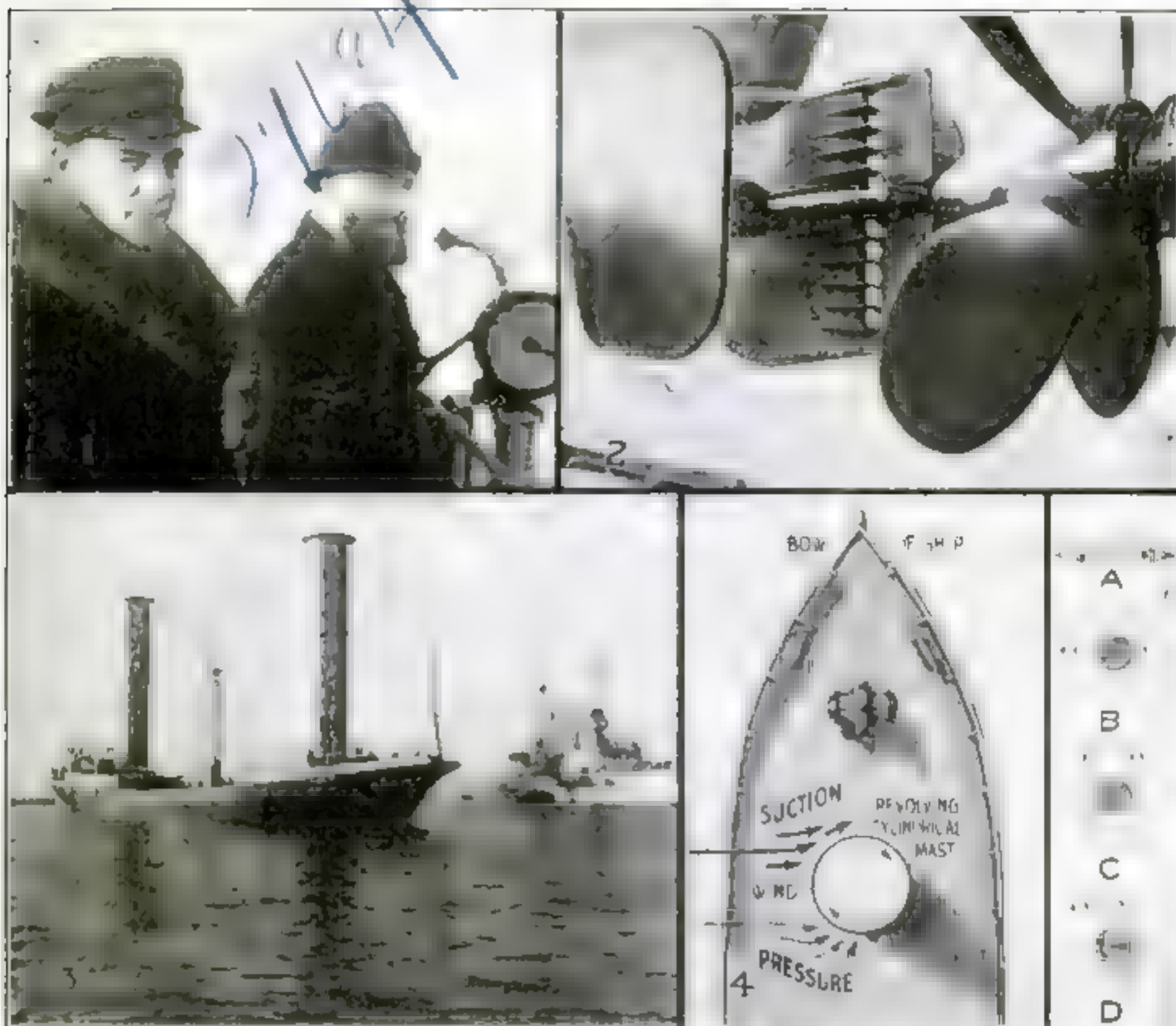


The Amazing Sailless Rotor Ship at Its Wharf

A recent stern-view photograph of the *Buckau* at Kiel, Germany. The inventor Anton Flettner declares that the two towering, spinning cylinders produce 15 times as much power as does an equal surface of canvas.

and these spinning surfaces, presented to the wind, provided a means of propulsion. This statement, after steamboats, oil-driven ships, and electrically operated





### A New Application of an Old Principle—the Rotor Ship and Its Inventor

1—Anton Flettner (left) inventor of the sailless ship, with Captain Gerhardt, commander of the *Buckau*, on the bridge of the vessel at Hamburg Harbor, Germany. 2—The rudder and auxiliary propeller of the *Buckau*. The three-bladed rudder is used to enable the ship to be turned around in its own length. 3—Side view of the ship. Each of the towering cylinders is 60 feet high and nine feet in diameter. 4—Diagrams showing operation of the revolving cylindrical masts, or rotors, in propelling the ship. The smooth surface of the cylinder spinning in the wind, sets up increased air pressure on one side and suction on the other driving the ship normally

at right angles to the direction of the wind (see figure A). The lines in figure B indicate how air currents would be set up around the spinning cylinder supposing there were no wind. Figure C on the other hand, shows how the wind would pass around the cylinder supposing it were not revolving. In neither case would there be any appreciable effect on the movement of the ship. But with the wind blowing and the cylinder spinning, the combined forces increase the pressure on one side and decrease it on the other, as in figure D driving the ship forward in the direction indicated by the horizontal arrow within the shaded circle.

course, the equivalent of wind is produced by the swift passage of the ball from pitcher to catcher.

Each of the two spinning towers on the *Buckau* rests on a fixed pivot and moves on ball bearings. The towers are built of sheet iron about one-half an inch thick, are 60 feet high and nine feet in diameter. Two electric motors of 10 horsepower each, placed inside the pivots, drive the towers. Current for the motors is generated by a Diesel engine. The total weight of the complete mechanism—towers, engine, and motors—is about 15,000 pounds, just one-fifth the weight of the discarded sails and rigging on the same ship.

In propelling a sailing boat, suction, rather than pressure, Flettner explains, is the important factor in producing motive power. His aim was to produce

artificially, by means of the revolving towers, a greater suction power than that produced on the vessel equipped with sails.

When wind strikes a sail, it divides equally, and in this division there results what is called a circular current. This works with the original current of wind on one side of the sail and against it on the other side. On the side where the current whirling around the sail is added to the original current, suction or pulling force is created, while on the other side the clashing of the two currents results in a pressure or pushing force. Of the two forces, suction is the greater factor in making the boat move forward.

The revolving cylinders on the sailless boat propel it on exactly the same principle as sails do, but more effectively, it is claimed, because a greater suction power

is produced. As the wind hits one of the rotating towers from the side, one side of the cylindrical surface naturally is moving with the wind, and the other is going against it. There is very little friction on the side where the surface goes with the wind, and much friction on the other side.

The wind chooses the easier pathway avoiding the side producing friction, and most of it goes in the direction in which the cylinder originally was traveling. Because the moving cylinder offers less resistance than a rigid sail, the wind, whirling around the cylinder, produces a much greater circular current than is created around a sail. Thus the suction is greatly increased, the inventor asserts, and the boat moves more swiftly than one with sails.

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# Henry Ford Says, *as he turns out a car every twelve seconds:* "There Is Always Room for More"

A surprising solution of traffic congestion as depicted by the maker of more than 10,000,000 automobiles—What Ford thinks about the future of "flivver" airplanes—How he directs the world's most amazing industry without an office

*By Raymond J. Brown*

A SHORT time after Dr. Hugo Eckener had piloted the ZR-3 (Los Angeles) across the Atlantic, and had seen it stowed safely away in its hangar at Lakehurst, N. J., he visited the plants of the Ford Motor Company near Detroit, Mich.

While he chatted with Henry Ford there, the conversation naturally enough veered around to aviation.

"I've never made a flight in an airplane," Mr. Ford said, "and I don't know that I'm particularly anxious to. I would, though, like to take a trip in a dirigible. Bring one out here some time, won't you, Doctor Eckener, and give me a ride!"

"I should be glad to, Mr. Ford," replied the other; "but it would be impossible to make a landing—you have no mooring-mast."

"That's right," nodded Mr. Ford reflectively; "we haven't." He turned instantly to one of his engineers who happened to be present. "You might get in touch with the Navy Department tomorrow," he suggested, "and get the specifications for a mooring-mast. We ought to have one here."

The mooring-mast is now being erected on the airplane landing-field near the Ford Experimental Laboratory at Dearborn.

I mention this incident because it illustrates aptly, I think, not only Henry Ford's characteristic way of doing things, but also a phase of his vast enterprises that probably is not clear in the popular mind.

THE building of that mooring-mast is not an expression of a sudden whim of Henry Ford. His wish to make a flight in a dirigible—probably uttered only half seriously—is only remotely connected with the erection of the mast, which is being put up because it has a definite, specific use to serve in the Ford organization. Dirigibles are driven by motors, and the production of motors and their development is the prime purpose of the Ford Motor Company.

In other words, Henry Ford is only incidentally a manufacturer of automobiles; his real business is the manufacture of motors. That the principal business of his company now is placing motors in automobiles is explained entirely by the fact that it is in automobiles that the motor finds its widest present-day use. Some day motors may be required in great numbers for other purposes. For that day the Ford organization even now is preparing.

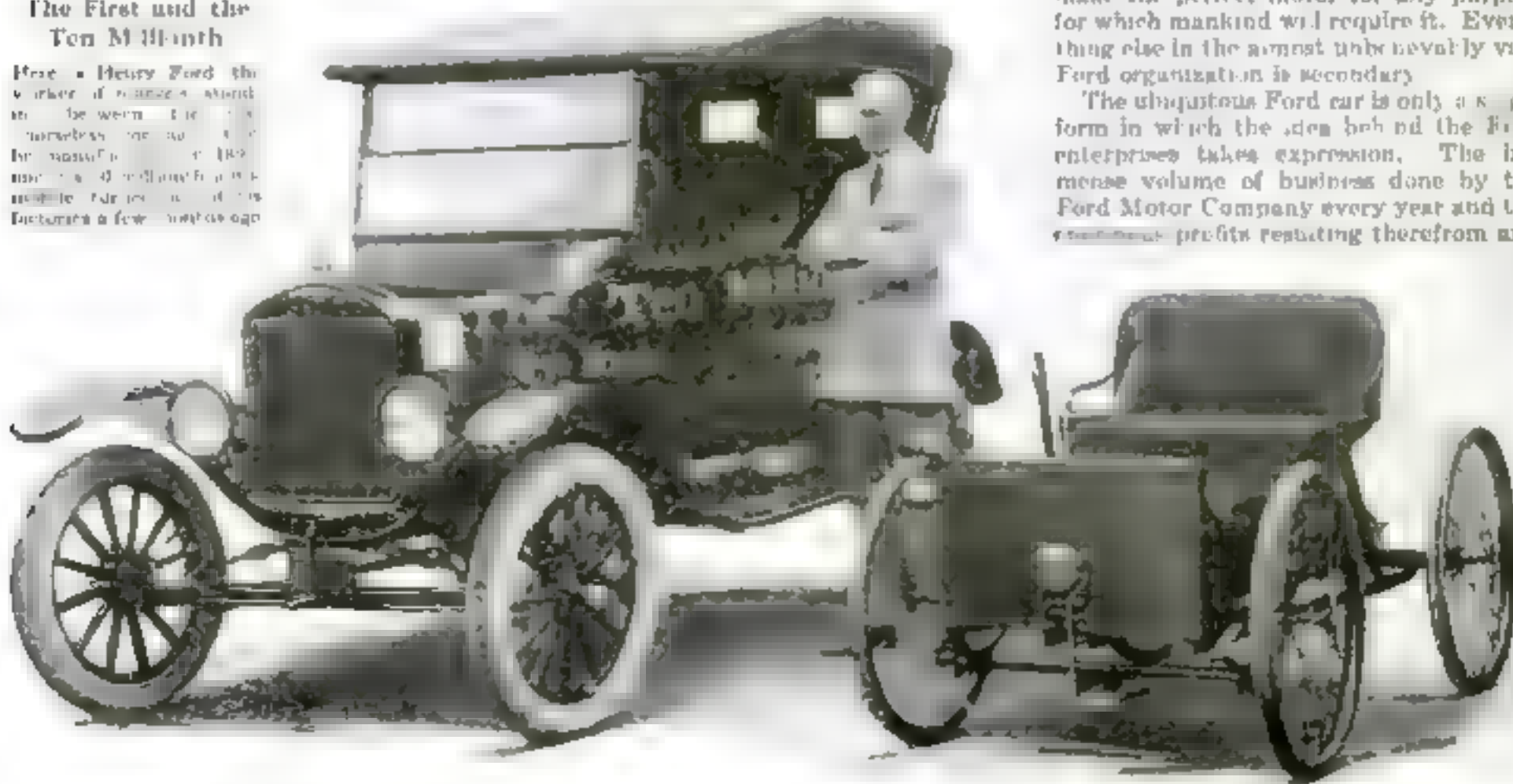
That is why a mooring-mast for dirigibles is being erected at Dearborn. That is why there is already an airplane landing-field there. That is why you'll find in the Ford Experimental Laboratory an all-metal speed boat, equipped with a 1000-horsepower motor, and like no other boat in the world. That is why, all about this boat, you will find automobiles, motors, and motor parts of many types and makes, constantly being studied and tested. That is why Henry Ford has placed on the Great Lakes two motor-driven freighters that are among the largest boats that ply the waters. That is why in the offices of the experimental laboratory—the closest thing to a headquarters that Henry Ford himself has—you will find virtually nothing that is not directly connected with motors—models of motors, plans of motors, sectional drawings of motors, maps showing the location of the Ford iron mines, the Ford coal mines, the Ford forests, whence are taken the raw materials from which are to be fashioned—motors.

THE Ford Motor Company has set out to know and understand what the motor will do under all circumstances, under every conceivable condition of use; to learn, in short, what must be done to make the perfect motor for any purpose for which mankind will require it. Everything else in the almost unbelievably vast Ford organization is secondary.

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## The First and the Ten Millionth

Here, a Henry Ford the maker of millions, stands in the presence of the first and the ten millionth Ford automobile. The first was built in 1901, and the ten millionth in 1924. The car on the right is a few months old.





in a sense, only by-products of the effort that more than 150,000 Ford employees all over the world are making to perfect the motor. Henry Ford himself made that statement to me recently at Dearborn.

INTO that effort is poured a wealth of natural resources—mine products, forest products, farm products—a wealth of technical skill, and the accumulated results of the labor of many men in many diverse branches of science. These and the factories, railroad, and shipping lines, assembly plants and sales agencies, offices and laboratories, all the great enterprises that are necessary to the operation of the Ford Motor Company, Henry Ford has welded into an organization that stretches to the ends of the earth, and yet remains compact, mobile; a marvel and a miracle of efficiency.

Coal and iron from the Ford mines in Kentucky, West Virginia, and Michigan, and timber from the Ford forests on the upper Michigan peninsula, are rushed in Ford ships and over the Ford railroad (the D. T. & I.) literally to be hurled into the indescribably huge Ford plants about Detroit, where they are transformed with bewildering speed into finished motor cars and tractors that move away under their own power, or into motor-car parts boxed for shipment to the assembly plants in this country and abroad.

It may give you a notion of the celerity with which things are accomplished in these Detroit plants when I say that 30 minutes after a cylinder-head casting from the Ford foundry at River Rouge

the world's largest, by the way, where 1900 tons of iron are poured a day—enters the world-famous "Ford factory" at Highland Park. It is in a freight car, a complete automobile power plant, tested and passed, ready to be made part of a chassis and driven away. As a stunt, for the entertainment of the Prince of Wales when he visited the Ford plants recently, a Ford car was completely assembled in 25 minutes!

Such things are made possible only by the magic of efficiency and organization, exemplified here in three ways

First, each man—and there are about 100,000 who work in the Ford plants at Detroit—has one job to do and no more. It may be only inserting and tightening a single bolt in a cylinder head, or it may be giving the final inspection to a finished car. He does that one job, and no other, his neighbor's job is none of his concern, nor does he attempt to make it any

Second, by an amazing and bewildering

system of conveyors, each man's work is brought to him, remains with him just long enough for him to complete it, and then is carried on to the man who performs the next step in the manufacturing process. Some jobs, of course, take more time than others, but the movements of the conveyors synchronize perfectly with the movements of the worker, who is never hurried and never left idle; his work is always before him when he is ready for it, away from him when he has finished it.

The third phase of the system is the practice of completing each individual operation of manufacture in one place—making each Ford plant in effect a great number of little factories. Thus, if a part had to be cut to size, machined, painted, tipped with wood, covered with leather and crated for shipment, the various operations would not be performed in a central machine-shop, a central wood-working shop, and so on. The unit making the part would have its own machine-shop, its own paint-shop, its own boxing department. The time and labor saved by such methods, the waste and cost reduction that they eliminate explain in large measure why every day there issues from the Highland Park plant in finished cars and parts the equivalent of 7000 automobiles—one every 12 seconds or so.

Probably a picture of the immensity of the results achieved by the Ford organization can be given in no better way than

almost 25 times the total available electric power of the United States!

And this he has done by means of a machine, which, pound for pound, is produced more cheaply than any other similar machine in the world. A Ford touring-car costs 20 cents a pound, finished, while a bicycle costs about a dollar, a locomotive something between 50 cents and a dollar

WHICH leads, naturally enough, to a consideration of another amazing phase of the Ford way of doing things. At least three times Henry Ford has made the price of Ford cars exactly the cost of producing them. And on this basis he has sold them at a profit! Impossible? Not at all, for the profit came, not through some clever scheme of financing, but through wider application of new discoveries of science to manufacturing methods.

Examples of the way applied science has contributed to the lowering of Ford manufacturing costs with consequent benefit to the consumer are to be seen in every corner of the Ford factories; nowhere, though, on such a gigantic scale as in the marvelous plant at River Rouge, Mich., where are taken the first steps in making the products of nature into moving, useful motors

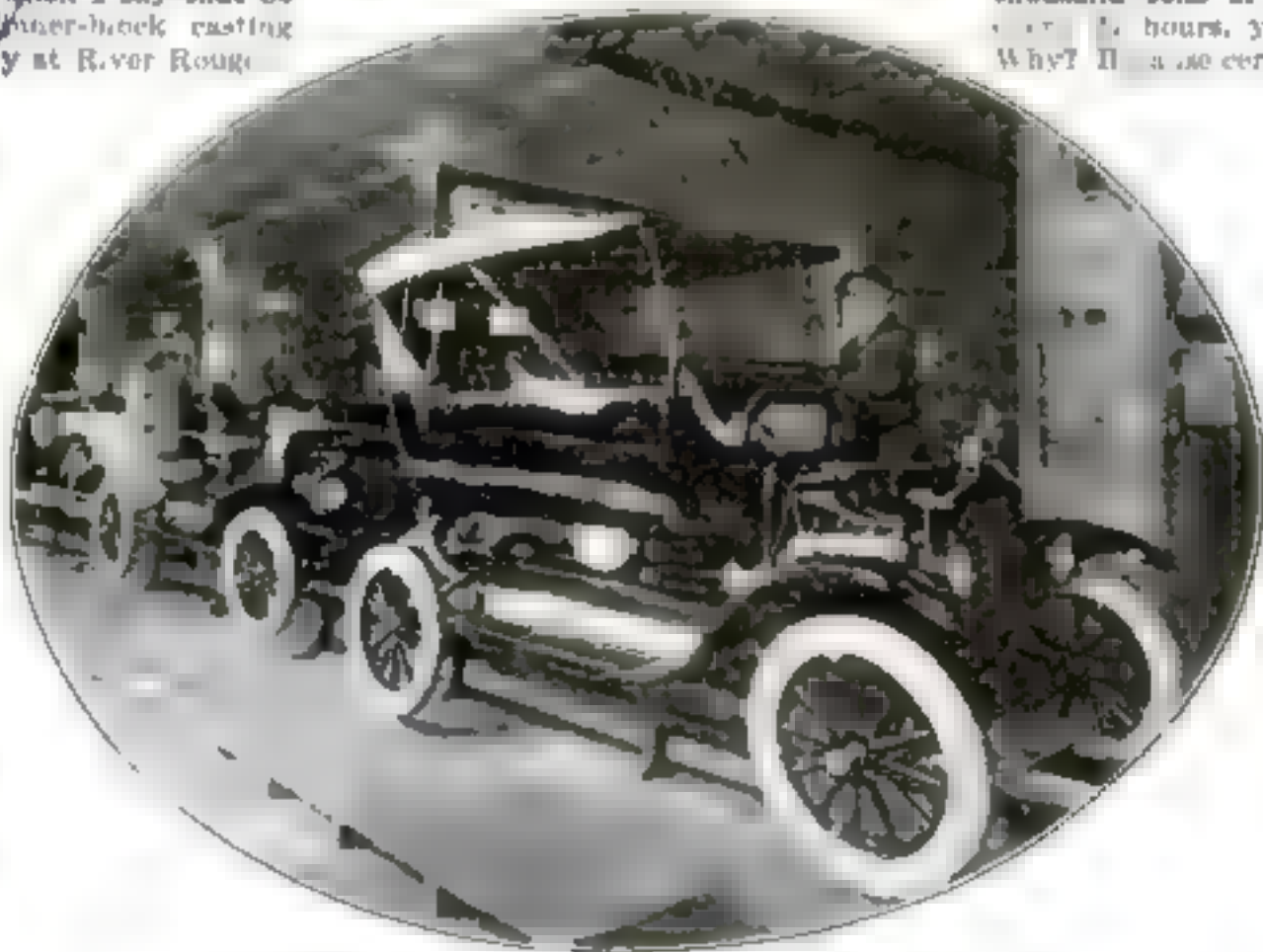
I am exaggerating only slightly, for example, when I say that from the towering chimneys of this huge unit in the Ford scheme there issues no smoke. Ten thousand tons of coal are burned here every 24 hours, yet there is no smoke.

Why? It is a case of certain constituents of the coal, which ordinarily are wasted in industrial furnaces and pour forth from the chimneys as smoke, here are transformed into a variety of useful products to be used at the plant or sold outside.

There are, for instance, 55,000 pounds of ammonium sulphate, a valuable fertilizer, produced here daily; 17,000 gallons of benzol, an efficient motor fuel; 22,000 gallons of tar, useful in road construction or for other purposes; 12,000,000 cubic feet of gas, of which 2,000,000 are sold to the City of Detroit; light oil also—all products derived from what is usually the waste of coal, and without harming the efficiency of the coal as

fuel, for there remains carbon in the form of coke to be used in the blast furnaces and sold to employees that their domestic fuel bills may be reduced.

Carbon-monoxide gas, waste product of the blast furnaces, is piped to the power house, to be burned with the pulverized coal used there, with a consequent in-



The Last Step in Making a Ford Car—Fitting the Body

Each of the 100,000 men who work in the Ford plants at Detroit has just one definite job to do: whether it be tightening a bolt in a cylinder head or giving the final inspection to a completed car. By an amazing system of conveyors, each car passes from one man to

the next in the process of manufacture. The movements of the conveyors synchronize perfectly with the movements of the workers. For the entertainment of the Prince of Wales not long ago a Ford car was completely assembled by this system in 25 minutes!

by a comparison. When, about six months ago, Henry Ford turned out his 10 millionth automobile, he had made available for the world a total of about 220,000,000 horsepower, or 75 times the potential power of Niagara Falls; 10 times the total hydroelectric power that has been developed throughout the world,

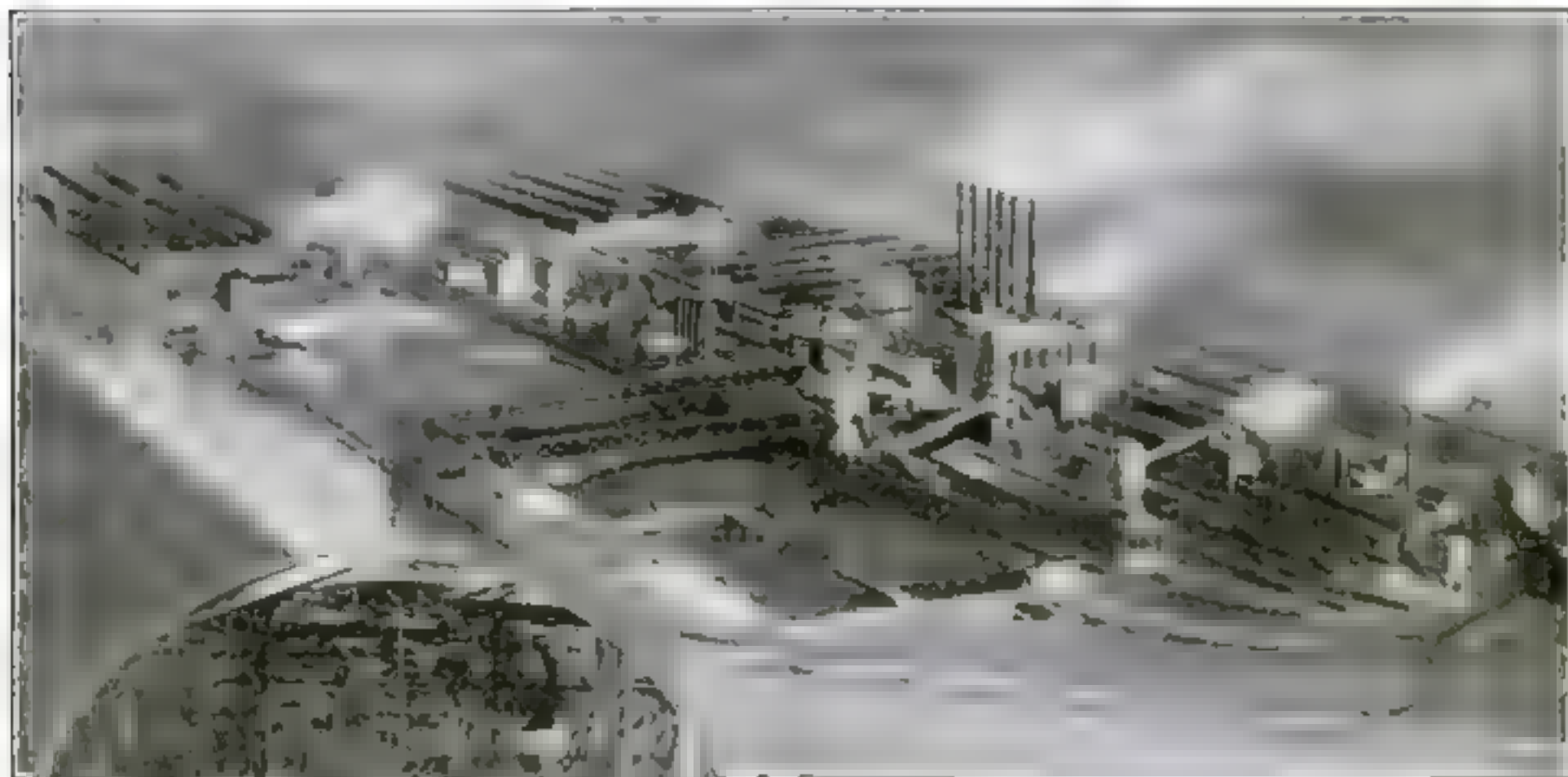


crease in the thermal efficiency of the latter. About 250 tons of coal are burned here every day to produce 60,000 kilowatts in electric power; and only from three to five wheelbarrows of ashes result!

The firing-room in this plant is as clean as the operating-room in a hospital, and the firemen and other operators dress in suits of spotless white and keep them so.

So, of course, the cement mill was kept clean thenceforth. Everything that Henry Ford wishes done is done in just that way in the Ford organization, for he is not merely the founder of the Ford Motor Company and its nominal head, but the actual, active director of all its varying activities, its mainspring, the source of virtually all the ideas, innovations, and spectacular accomplishments that have

these happen to supply the most convenient rest. Rarely does he issue an order as an order. He merely talks the thing over with one of his lieutenants in the calmest, most detached manner imaginable. Eventually the other grasps the idea in full detail; then it is put into effect, automatically almost. It may be a matter of manufacturing or merchandising policy that involves millions of dol-



Ford Plant at River Rouge—the World's Largest

In this vast plant, covering 1100 acres and containing 100 miles of railway track within its boundaries, the motor from the Ford motor is turned out by more than 100,000 cars a day. Here 1,000 kinds of metal are melted, molded, and machined in a day. Here, too, all of the Ford trucks are manufactured. The equipment is sufficient to turn out 12,000 motor blocks a day. Estimated expenditures will go to the electric power plant a capacity of 500,000 horsepower.

made the company remarkable since its inception.

In fact, the most amazing thing about the more than amazing Ford Motor Company undoubtedly is Henry Ford himself.

Here is a man, head of one of the vastest manufacturing enterprises ever launched, generally believed to be the richest man in the world; possibly the richest man of all

time; yet he has no office—none that he occupies regularly, at any rate. When he requires a desk to work at, he goes to his experimental laboratory at Dearborn, one of the least pretentious of his plants, and sits down at any desk, any table, or any drafting-board that happens to be unoccupied. If there is no desk or table available, he is content to sit down where he can and use his knees for a desk. They tell me that he perched himself on a radiator recently while he chatted with the Prince of Wales.

He dictates and signs his letters and checks "on the fly," wherever they happen to be brought to him—against a brick wall, the hood of an automobile, or the stator of an electric generator, if any of

large; that is his usual method of putting it into force.

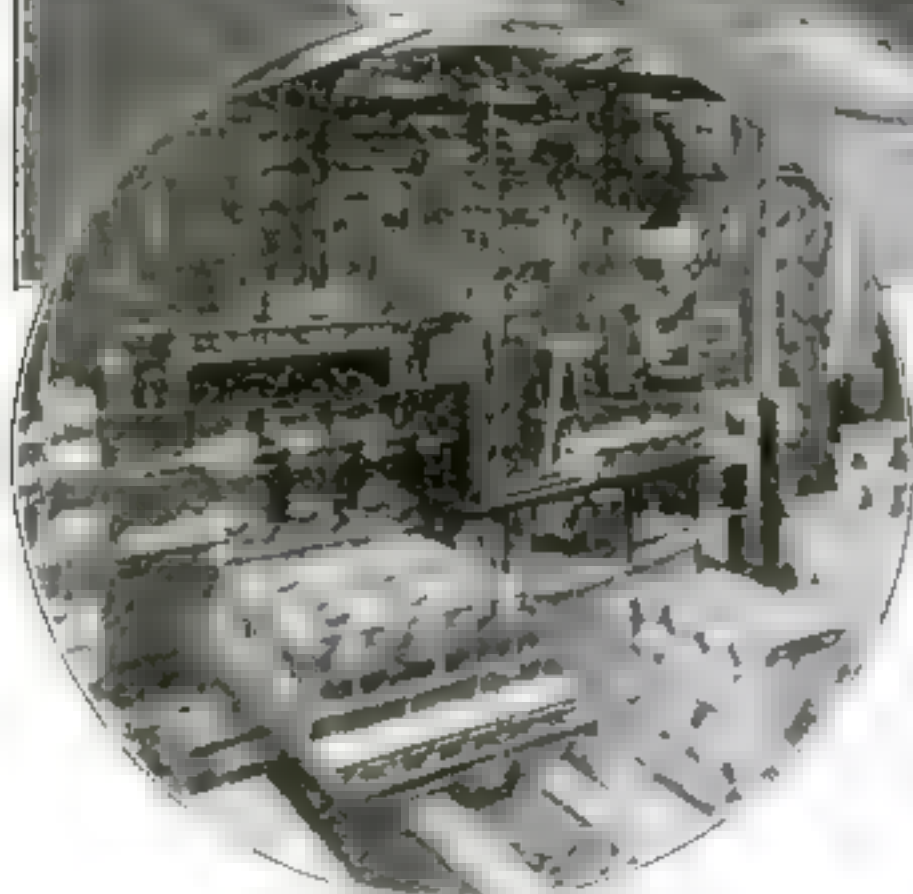
Perhaps it may strike you as anomalous that the man who is at the head of such a marvelous example of system and efficiency, where each man and each machine has only a single job to perform, should apparently be so unsystematic that he does not even keep office hours.

AS TO that, let us see. In tying himself down to no settled routine, in appointing no definite place where he may be found at stated hours, Henry Ford is merely carrying out with regard to himself the same principles of efficiency that are in force in his factories. There, remember, each man has one job, and no

more—to manage, direct, and operate the Ford Motor Company. To accomplish his job he cannot remain in one place; he must "circulate." That is his own word; he has used it frequently in describing the functions of an executive.

He does not believe that executives should have headquarters to which the men under them may bring their problems for solution. He believes rather that executives should move about among the men, where they can be on hand when a problem arises. Consequently, all executives in the Ford plants "circulate"—

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From Castings to Auto Engines

Eighty minutes after a cylinder block casting from the foundry at River Rouge enters the famous Ford factory at Highland Park, Detroit, it is converted into a complete power plant, tested, and passed, ready to be made part of a chassis and driven away. This view in the Highland Park plant shows the machinery that handles castings. These must be exactly alike in order to fit any Ford car.

THERE is a cement mill, too, where the slag from the iron ore—wasted ordinarily—is utilized in the manufacture of 3500 barrels of cement a day. If you know of the dust and dirt that usually accompany the manufacture of cement, you will be astonished at this mill, for everything about it is as clean, almost, as the firing-room just spoken of.

There was a time when it was not, however. That was when the mill was new—before Henry Ford had seen it in operation. After his first inspection, though, he did something that was quite unusual for him—he issued the following peremptory order:

"If that cement mill can't be kept clean," he said in effect, "close it up!"



How a telephone subscriber hears a message received in his absence by the automatic recording machine. A cylinder records the message if the subscriber is not at home. When the subscriber returns, the machine plays back the message to him.



By Truman Stevens

**A** RECENTLY invented machine performs in a way that is positively uncanny a variety of tasks ordinarily accomplished only by human hands and brains.

It will take dictation like a stenographer. It will serve as secretary of a meeting or office conference. It will answer the telephone in the absence of the subscriber, report his absence to the caller, and take a message that it will repeat to the subscriber on his return. It will record perfectly a telephone conversation from both ends, no matter how far separated.

It can be used as a dictograph in crim-

inal or other investigations. It can be hooked up to a radio receiver so that it will record automatically stock-market quotations or similar broadcast messages at the proper time. It can be put to any or all of these uses, or to any others that the ingenuity or necessity of the user may warrant, without change of mechanism.

It appears that this amazing apparatus resembles somewhat an old-time phonograph, employing cylindrical records, or the ordinary dictating machine to be found in many offices. Like both of these devices, the new machine records conversations on a wax cylindrical record. Unlike them, however, the recording is accomplished not mechanically, but electrically, the sound vi-

brations of the voice being transformed into electrical currents in a sort of miniature radio transmitter, containing a vacuum tube and a complicated series of inductances.

These messages then are imprinted on the record, and are reproduced for the hearer by the usual phonographic process. Through the electrical system of recording an excellent quality of reproduction is attained, the listener hearing the true inflection and tones of the speaker's voice. Also it permits the use of a supersensitive microphone, which enables the user to give dictation in an ordinary conversational tone from 20 feet or more away, and also causes the machine, when it is used for that purpose, to record every

word of a conversation in which several persons are taking part, no matter in what parts of a room they are situated.

By means of auxiliary apparatus a magazine of records may be installed in the machine so that when the end of one is reached, the next automatically starts recording, thus permitting dictation to be given or conversation of any sort to be recorded indefinitely. Each record may be shaved about 80 times before it becomes too thin to be used further.

The device may be operated for any of its many uses by either electric-lighting current or by a storage battery or dry cells, like a radio set.

**W**HEN the device is employed as a telephone operator, a message suitable for transmission to telephone callers during the absence of the subscriber is imprinted on a small auxiliary record at the left of the large wax cylinder. When a caller obtains the subscriber's number, in the absence of the latter, this little record is set in motion by the current operating the telephone bell, and the caller hears something to the following effect:

"This is the office of Smith & Co. There is no one here at present, but you may leave a message, or you may call again at 2.30 if you prefer."

Immediately after the delivery of this message, the machine is ready to record any message the caller may desire to give.

Used as the recorder of a telephone conversation, the machine starts working automatically the instant the call is put through, and imprints on the record every word uttered by either party. Brokers and others to whom repudiation of a telephoned order by a customer might mean a large financial loss, would find permanent records of their conversations of especial value.

## WHY I READ POPULAR SCIENCE MONTHLY

### A Prize Contest Announcement

**"U**NTIL I found POPULAR SCIENCE MONTHLY, I rarely knew what to do with my evenings," a reader recently wrote. "I was just plain bored."

"But now, with a pipe, a pair of slippers, and POPULAR SCIENCE, I have 30 evenings of freedom from monotony at my command every month. Your magazine interests me, inspires me, and gives me a lot of valuable information. It arouses my curiosity and keeps my spirit adventurous, bucks me up when I am blue, and gives me the urge to do new and unusual things. I couldn't get along without reading."

Thousands of such enthusiastic tributes have been received by POPULAR SCIENCE MONTHLY from its readers. Few, however, have condensed their appreciation into such a short letter. Why don't you try it?

What do you like most about the magazine? What features hit you hardest? Why do you like them? How has the magazine helped you? Point out, if you wish, specific shortcuts and ideas in this or in any other number you have made use of. You may base your letter upon the contents of this issue or on the many numbers

you have read and remembered.

For the best letter of not more than 250 words, we offer the following prizes: \$10, first prize; \$5, second prize, and \$1 each for the 10 next best letters. Competition closes March 10. Announcement of the prize-winners will appear in the June issue. A Board of Editors will be judges of the contest.

Contributions to this contest cannot be returned unless accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Address: The Editor, POPULAR SCIENCE MONTHLY, 250 Fourth Avenue, New York City.





## Sky Superdreadnaught to Guard England

5 ft. 6 in. high  
10 ft. 6 in. long  
10 ft. 6 in. wide  
10 ft. 6 in. deep

**W**HILE America's new sky leviathans, the *Los Angeles* and the *Shenandoah*, have been amazing the world with their successful performances, England has been testing out its first winged

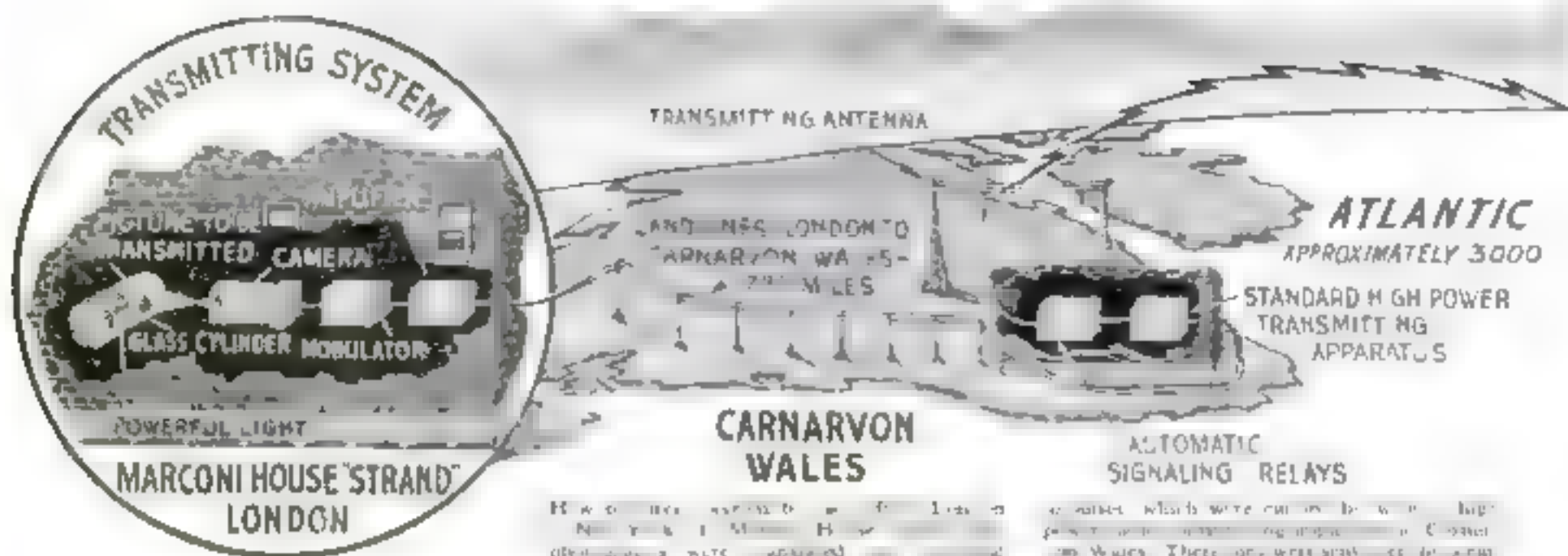
This mammoth machine, known as the "Cubaroo" Blackburn Napier, recently completed a successful test flight near Hull, England. Driven by a huge 16-cylinder Napier motor of 1000 horsepower, it can carry and launch from the air at a battleship a full sized naval torpedo

and 1000 bombs. Its armament also includes machine guns, as well as a full complement of torpedoes.

Our artist has pictured above how this tremendous fighting machine might appear in action. The small photograph shows its vast size compared with a group of men who have found shelter beneath its enormous wing.

The plane is 54 feet long, 20 feet high, and its wing span is 88 feet.





# Radio Photos Cross the Sea

The news in pictures is flashed over thousands of miles by the latest marvel of wireless communication

By Robert E. Martin

"**R**ADIO transmission is too slow," remarked Owen D. Young, chairman of the board of directors of the Radio Corporation of America and the General Electric Company about a year ago. "I am tired of this dot-and-dash business. I want to see the time come when an operator will press a key and—zip! the first page of the London Times will be reproduced in New York."

From this suggestion has sprung what is probably the most amazing development that has come in the radio art since the beginning of broadcasting—wireless transmission of pictures more than 3000 miles across the Atlantic from England to the United States. The "zip" stage has not yet been reached. The first page of a newspaper cannot be sent over the ocean in a flash. But a photograph or other picture, or printed matter not too large in size to be accommodated by the transmitting and receiving apparatus that has been developed, can be sent across the ocean in about 20 minutes, the time it takes in ordinary radio practice to transmit 600 words by the dot-and-dash method.

**R**ADIO Corporation engineers, headed by Capt. Richard H. Ranger, are responsible for this new wonder in radio, which in time may revolutionize the present system of transmitting messages.

In one important particular, at least, the engineers who designed the radio picture transmitting and receiving apparatus have departed from the methods used in the past to transmit pictures through a distance. Where most previous successful systems have printed the received pictures only by means of light rays, in the new method of reception, not only is each picture reproduced photographically, but an additional picture is inked in simultaneously by an electrically controlled fountain pen that moves in wavy lines in accordance with the electrical

impulses received from the transmitting station.

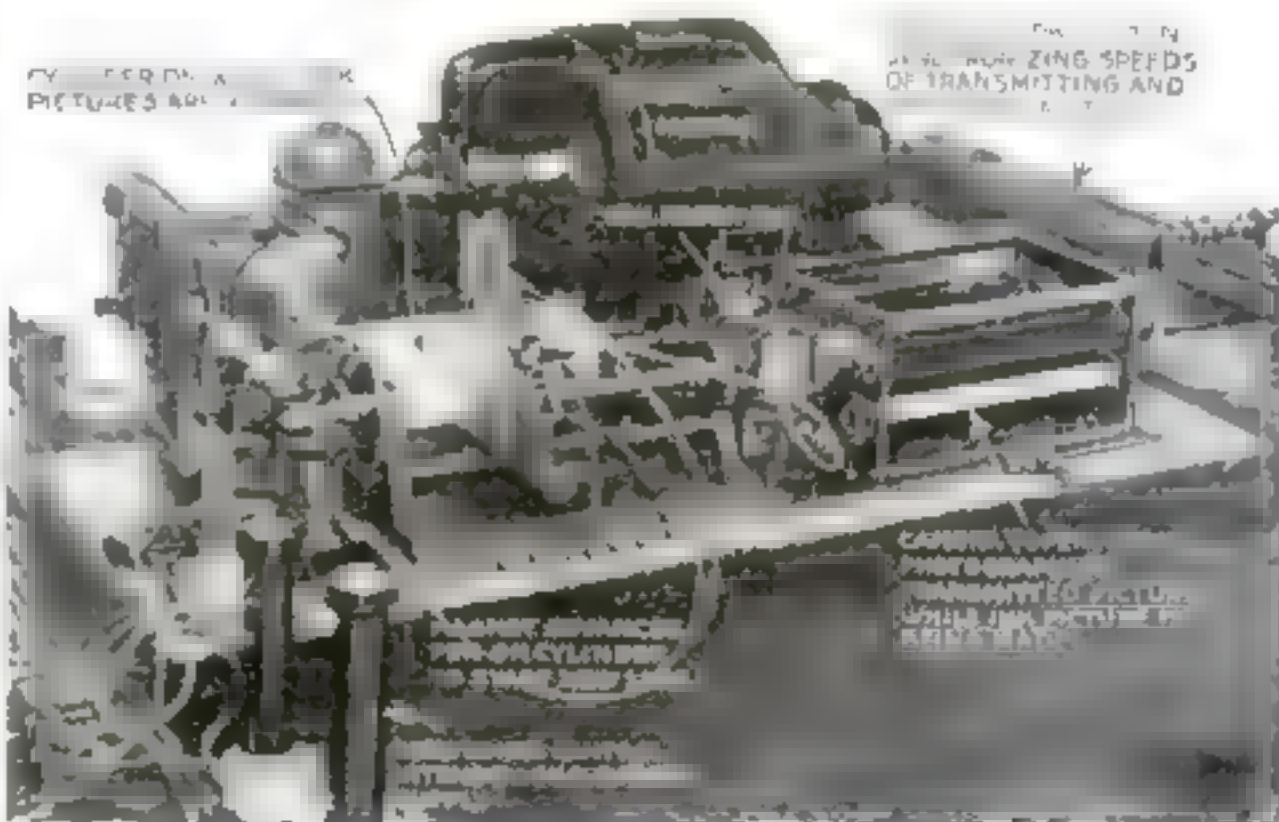
These pen-drawn pictures, which are made visibly, were intended at first merely as a check on the photographic reception process, which takes place within a special camera. It happened, though, that the pen-and-ink pictures presented such an odd and pleasing effect that the engineers concentrated their efforts on this method of reproduction.

In transmission, a photograph of the matter to be sent is made on a positive film. This is placed on a glass cylinder, and an exceedingly thin ray of light is focused on the film from within. This beam travels across the film in the direction of the length of the cylinder, and after each journey of the ray, the cylinder is revolved a minute distance. Eventu-

ally the whole film is traversed by the light.

As the ray issues from the film, it passes into a photo-electric cell. The intensity of the ray, of course, varies as it penetrates dark or light portions of the film, and these variations produce corresponding variations in the electrical impulses that issue from the photo-electric cell. Thus light waves are transformed into electrical waves, which, amplified by vacuum tubes, may be transmitted by radio.

**A**T THE receiving end these electrical impulses are led through an amplifying device to the reproducing apparatus pictured on these pages. The amplified radio waves there operate an electrically controlled lever connected with a fountain pen. Each pulse of current causes



The Machine that Turns Radio Waves into Pictures

Here is the remarkable receiving apparatus that translates radio-photograph signals simultaneously into photographic negatives and pen-

and-ink reproductions of the original transmitted pictures. Its perfection makes it possible to flash pictorial news across the ether





At Riverhead Long Island, N. Y., the radio waves were picked up by a mile-long antenna, amplified and relayed by wire to New York City, where receiving apparatus translated them again into pictures.

the pen to leave a mark on the surface of a paper wound about a cylinder that is the same size as, and revolves synchronously with, the cylinder at the transmitting end.

SINCE the movements of the pen correspond with the original light waves that passed through the transmitting film, the received picture is virtually an exact duplicate of that which is being transmitted. It is not an exact duplicate, for the reason that the pen tracing the received picture moves in wavy lines. These are caused by a transmission method that Captain Ranger devised. Instead of transmitting continuously, he has included in the sending apparatus a sort of trap where the electrical impulses are stored up until they reach a certain strength, at which they automatically become short-circuited and discharge. The result is that the recording pen moves not in a continuous line, but in a series of "dots" and "dashes." The wavy effect produced thereby is rather attractive and unusual.



Photograph of President Coolidge sent by wire from Cleveland, Ohio, to New York



The same photograph as it was received in New York by wireless from London

While these line reproductions are being formed, a camera installed in the receiving apparatus makes a photograph of the transmitted picture.

At about the same time that pictures were crossing the Atlantic on the wings of the ether, C. Francis Jenkins, of Washington, D. C., was demonstrating publicly his system of radio picture transmission, described in stages of development in *POPULAR SCIENCE MONTHLY* for May, 1923, and June, 1924. The Jenkins method is based on the same electric principles as that devised by the Radio Corporation, but reproduces the transmitted picture as a photograph, not

as a pen-and-ink drawing.

Then, of course, there is the method of picture transmission over wires, developed a few months ago by engineers of the American Telephone & Telegraph Company and Western Electric Company, which also can be adapted to radio. Descriptions of this method were published in the August and October issues of last year's *POPULAR SCIENCE MONTHLY*.

#### In the Laboratory

The laboratory apparatus used in perfecting the new radio picture system. Capt. R. H. Ranger of the Radio Corporation of America, is seen at the right placing a film on the rotating transmitter drum.

His assistant, A. J. K. is seated at the left.







## The Sinking of a \$30,000,000 Dreadnaught

**I**N THESE spectacular photographs of the recent sinking of Uncle Sam's \$30,000,000 dreadnaught *Washington* off Cape Hatteras, after a terrific four-day bombardment by air and by sea, we have a vivid picture of a war that knows no truce: the never-ceasing rivalry between offensive weapon and defensive structure.

Military science tolerates the superiority of neither one. The moment bombs and shells can sink a ship or wreck a fort, then every expert flings himself upon the problem of defense. The minute armor defeats the hail of steel hurled against it,

our military brains fly back to the problem of offense.

So it was with the *Washington*, which, by the Limitation of Armament Treaty, we were obligated to destroy.

"Our chance to prove we're right!" cried the gunnery experts and naval constructors in unison. Who won? Even the experts cannot say. For though the great ship finally sank, her sides sieved by 14-inch shells, the story might have been different had a crew been aboard. At Jutland ships fought on and won despite shot holes and leaks.

The human aspect of this picture must

not be misunderstood. The old horror of a raking fire that turned the war-ship's deck into a shambles no longer exists. The modern man-of-war drives into action with not a man in sight. Captain, gunnery officer, and navigator stand in their little conning tower. Through slits in 18-inch armor they watch the battle's progress. Through a score of telephones they direct the complex machinery of their swiftly moving ship. A direct hit from an aerial bomb would destroy this conning tower. At once the whole control would be taken up by a substitute command group in one of the heavily armored turrets.



# How Fast Can YOU Think?

An expert tells how to score your mental ability by useful and fascinating tests that you can try on yourself

By Donald A. Laird, Ph.D.

**J**UST how bright are you? I don't mean, "How much do you know?"—because there is a difference. A filled fountain pen contains more liquid than an empty hoghead, but its capacity is not the same. How is your capacity for knowledge—your native intelligence that you have inherited from your parents, as opposed to the store of facts that your brain contains as a result of your schooling, your work, your reading, and your association with your fellows?

I am going to show you how you can test yourself, and see

The tests you will find here are the kind given to college students to determine their mental abilities. They are an accurate measure of general intelligence—a quality that no amount of study will supply; a quality that the laborer, the mechanic, or the clerk who has not been through high school, or even grammar school, is quite as likely to possess as the man who has earned a college degree.

To know the measure of your own intelligence is highly important to you, and highly useful. It may show you, for example, that you are in the wrong job, that you are wasting your time in some occupation below your abilities, or that you are attempting to make your way in a business or profession that is beyond your powers.

How logical is your thinking? The word *elbow* indicates a part of the arm. *chimney* is a part of a house. Of what is a *speedometer* a part? While some one times you, call out the thing of which each of the words listed below is a part. Take the words in their order, skipping none.

Are you being timed? Ready. Go!

leaf	afternoon	Germany
nail	floor	week
quart	tooth	chimes
board	casters	Chicago
tire	beak	paper

If you completed this test in 23 seconds, you are up to the average of college students. If you did it in less, you are brighter than the average college student.

It may seem strange to you that a simple test such as this—taking which is an exercise quite as fascinating as working the cross-word puzzles that are so popular now—should supply a reliable index to your intellectual powers. These tests, though, are not so simple as they may seem. They were devised by leading psychologists—by Dr. Alfred Binet in France, and by Dr. Henry H. Goddard,

Dr. J. McKeen Cattell, and others in America, after long study of intelligent, dull, and superior persons. To find out what they really could do.

Now try a test of completion—that is, the ability of you to fill out an incomplete idea. With a pen or pencil fill in the blanks in this narrative, while

who have never been to college, or even to high school, can better this time. For example, the members of a medical society in a Middle Western city were given a series of tests of general mental ability, such as you are taking on these pages. The same tests also were given to the employees of a contractor who wanted to use them in selecting the best workers.

Among a gang of pick-and-shovel laborers was found a man who got a higher score on the tests than the average physician had made! He was promptly transferred to a higher position that had been difficult to fill. Here the man was happier, because his new work permitted him to use more of his abilities, and because he no longer had to fool around at work that was not the right kind for him.

What is your range of information? Put a cross before each of the words in this list that you understand.

anagly	Boelzebub	keel
anastage	Besaemar	nullify
astrology	blather	Othello
Audubon	Hauptmann	pounce
suk	hypothesis	revilla
Bancroft	ichnography	scup
Mendel	incubus	Sudan
mammal	incognito	torrapla

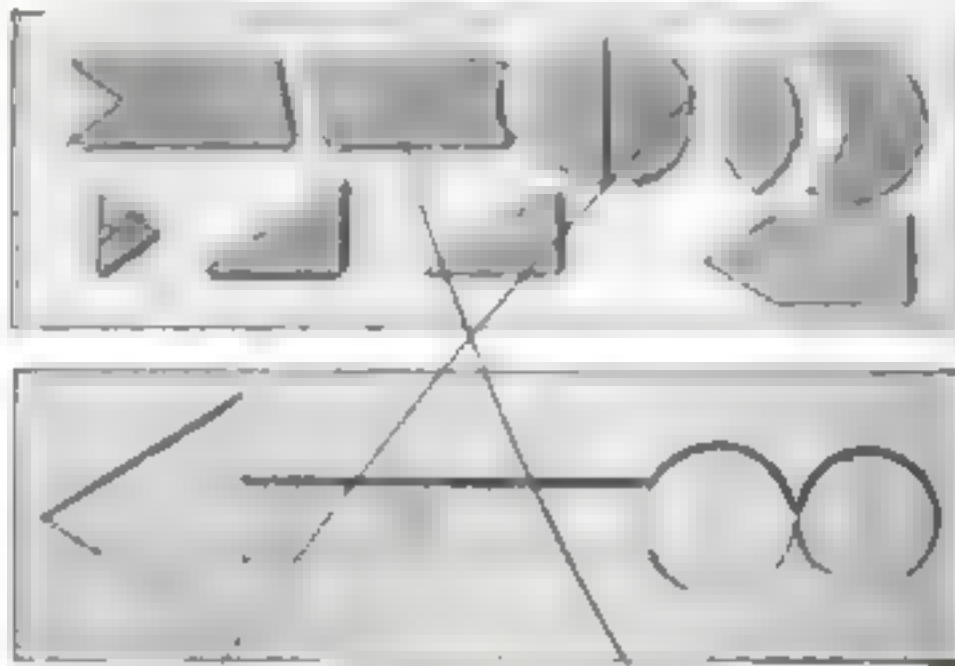
A college student will have 16 crosses.

Some of the funniest things imaginable are written in these tests at times. One college student, for example, said that Mark Twain was a steamboat; another that a revenue cutter was used on a milling machine. Another was working on a test in which the problem was to draw in with a pencil the missing parts of several pictures. One of the pictures was a pig, with the tail missing, and the student drew horns on the pig's head! I have found other students who were unable to detect that the eye was missing in a picture of a woman's face.

All of which is only another indication of what I said before—that going to college does not supply brains. Abraham Lincoln and Edison never went to college, but that they possessed intelligence nobody would deny.

How are you on numbers? Maybe accounting or some similar line of work is your forte. Try the following test, to see whether you have a natural aptitude for figures. While some one times you, check each group that contains a number 6. The average college student can do this in 40 seconds. If you can better this time appreciably, it is a sign that you probably have a "good head for figures."

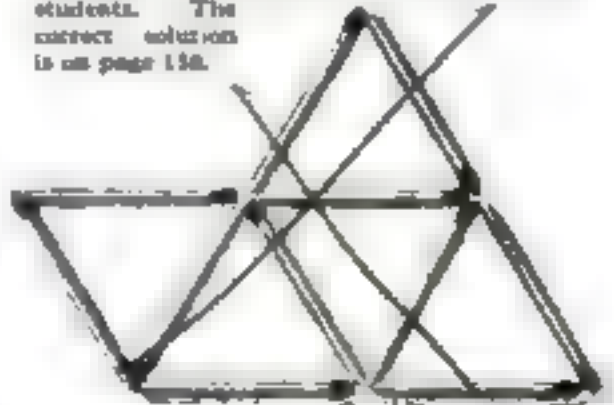
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Tests of Your Ingenuity

Fig. 1. All the blocks in the upper picture fit together properly, for an arrow such as is shown in the lower picture. With your pencil outline on the arrow just how each part will fit. If you can do this in less than a minute you are above the average in solving puzzling problems. You will find the correct solution on page 158.

Fig. 2. Arrange 11 matches as shown below. Remove three of them and leave two triangles. If you can do it in less than 10 seconds you are above the average of college students. The correct solution is on page 158.



some one keeps a record of the time it takes you to do this

It sometimes said . . . women are more honest than . . . It may be . . . are more honest . . . long run, but there . . . instances in which great . . . has been found in some . . . Such, . . . was the case . . . the recent criminal . . . which has received newspaper . . . We are assured . . . honesty of the man in this particular . . . but the honesty of the . . . is open to serious

A college student will fill in these blanks in three minutes. Many persons



# Sunken Riches Lure

## Amazing New Deep-Sea Armor Revives



### May Recover *Lusitania's* Wealth

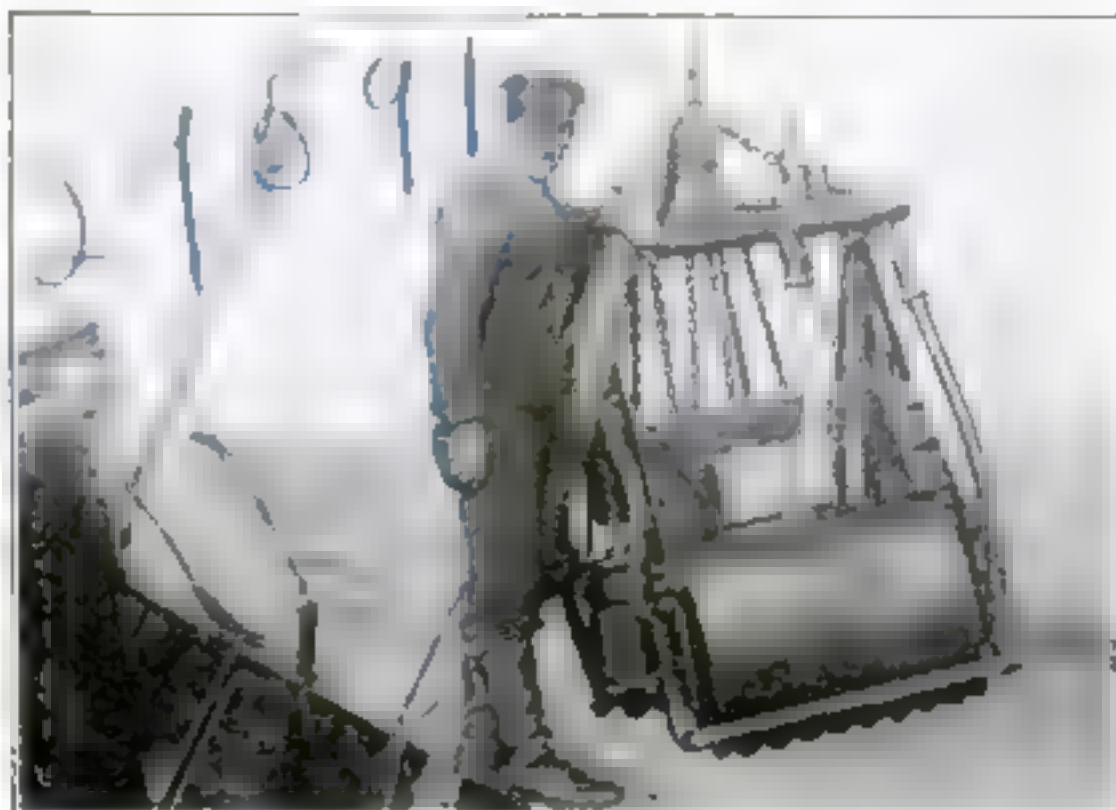
Will the all-metal armor shown above enable divers to recover the \$5,000,000 that went down with the *Lusitania*, and now lies in 285 feet of water? The inventor is confident of working 1,000 feet under-sea. Notice how the diver is lowered by a crane



### A Work Chamber on the Ocean Floor

Never before has the glamour of adventure in searching the seas for sunken treasure so appealed to men's imagination as it does today, for recent submarine inventions are making it possible to descend hundreds of feet beyond what heretofore has been the limit of human endurance. The armored chamber

shown above is one of these new devices, invented by Capt. Charles Williamson of Norfolk, Va. Lowered from a floating barge, it rests on the sea floor, where the diver's hands are free for work. It is designed to descend to a depth of 800 feet. The greatest depth possible heretofore has been about 200 feet



### Mechanical Claws Grapple for a Fortune

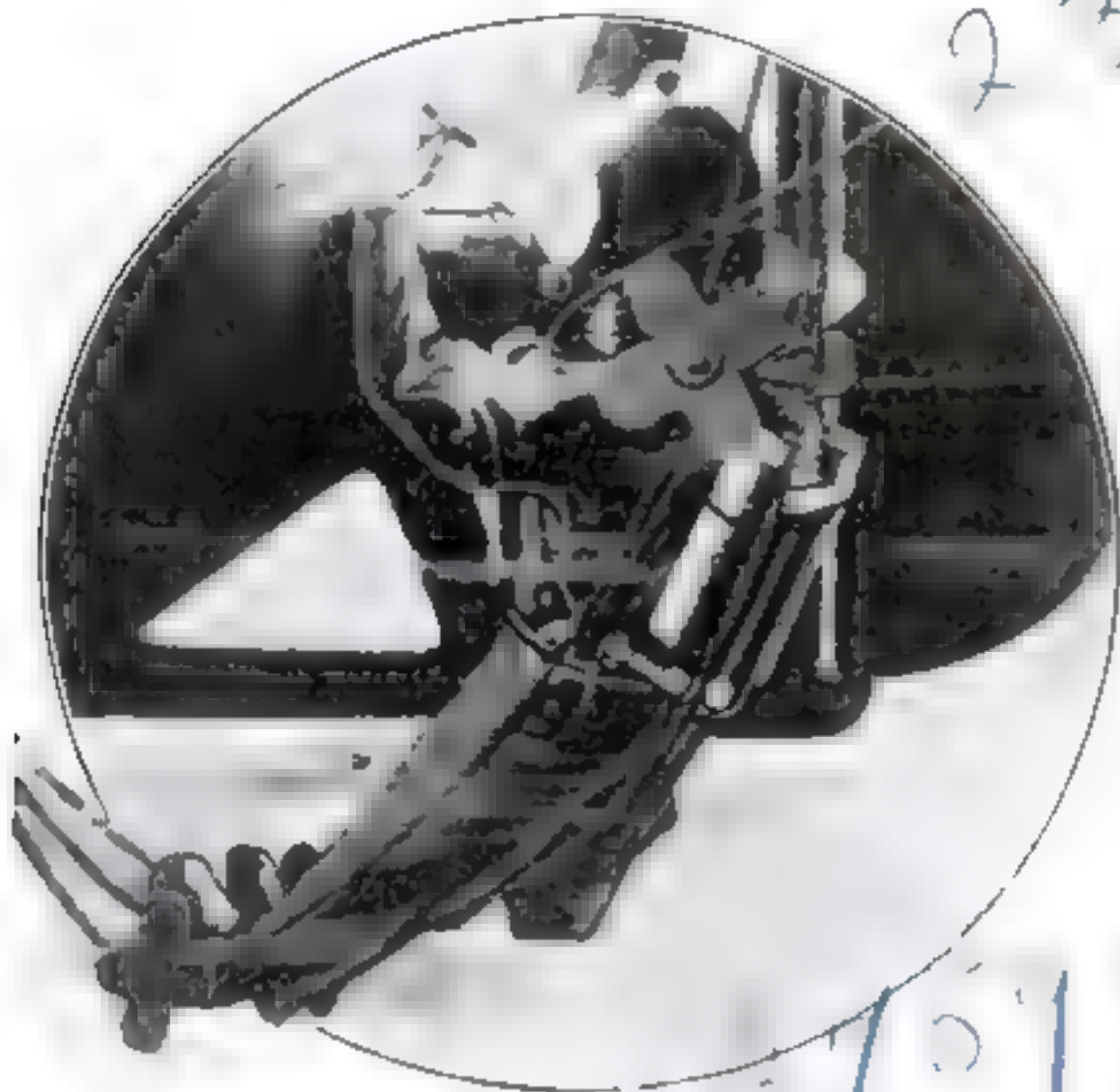
With this apparatus—a combination grasper and sand sucker—two British contractors are attempting to salvage the famous

English frigate *Lutine*, which sank off the northern coast of the Netherlands in 1797 with a cargo of gold estimated at about \$5,000,000



# Modern Adventurers

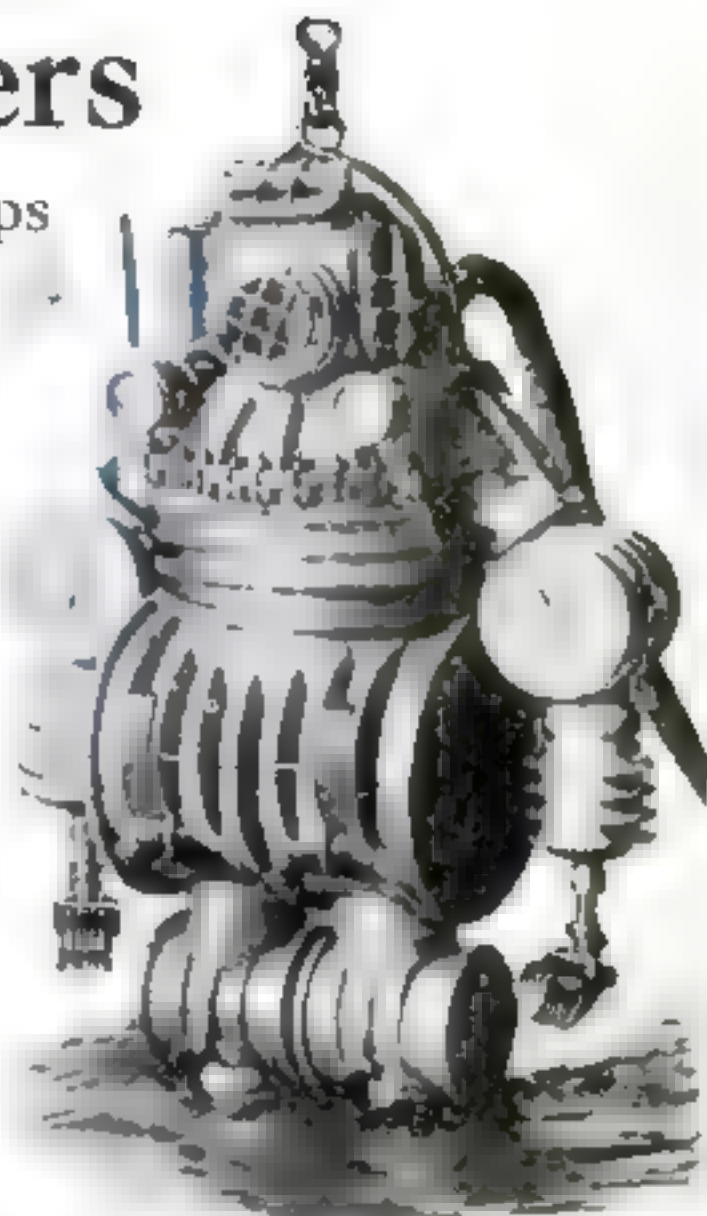
## Romantic Treasure Hunt in Wrecked Ships



### How Divers Salvaged \$30,000,000 from *Laurentic*

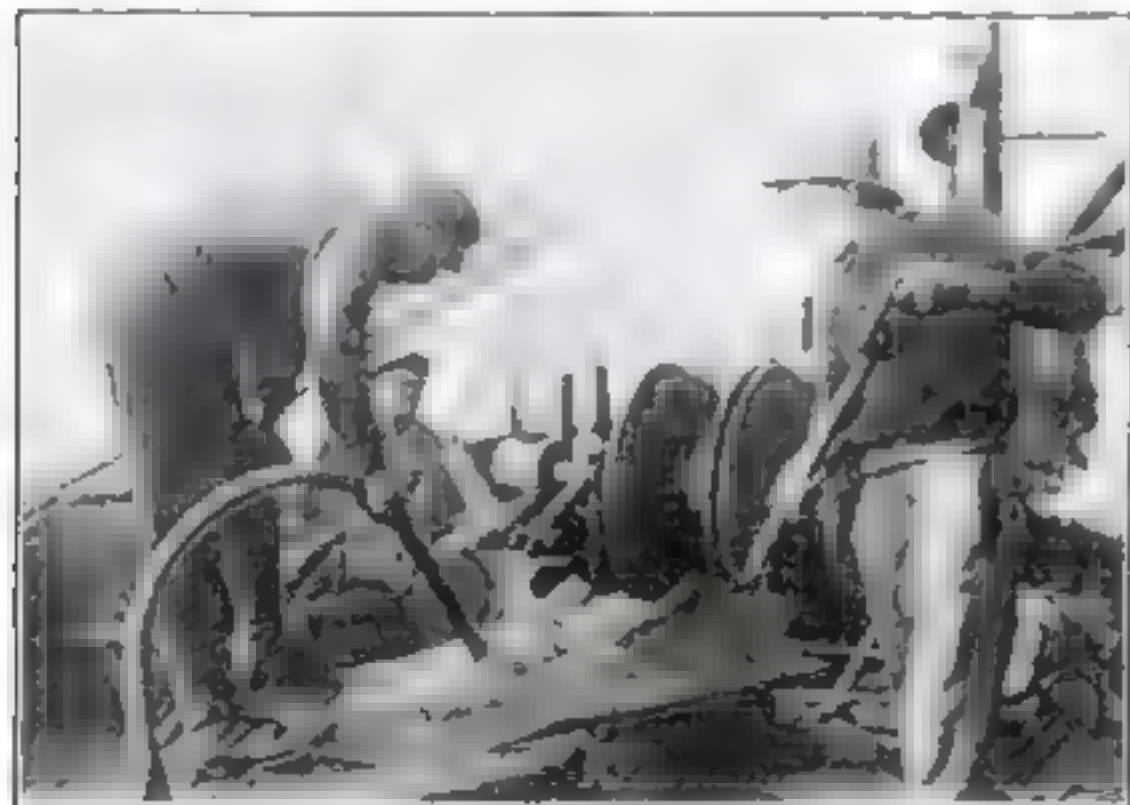
The recent dramatic success of divers in recovering a golden cargo worth \$30,000,000 from the wreck of the *Laurentic*, sunk by a submarine off the northern Coast of Ireland in 1917, has spurred other adventurers to seek more of the sea's treasures. Only a few weeks ago, four young Americans located the

wreck of the Ward liner *Merida*, which went down in a collision off the Virginia capes in 1911. They are at work to recover her cargo of gold, silver, and jewels—a prize estimated at from \$2,000,000 to \$5,000,000. The above illustration shows how divers worked on the hull of the *Laurentic*, which sank in 90 feet of water.



### A Mechanical Sea Monster

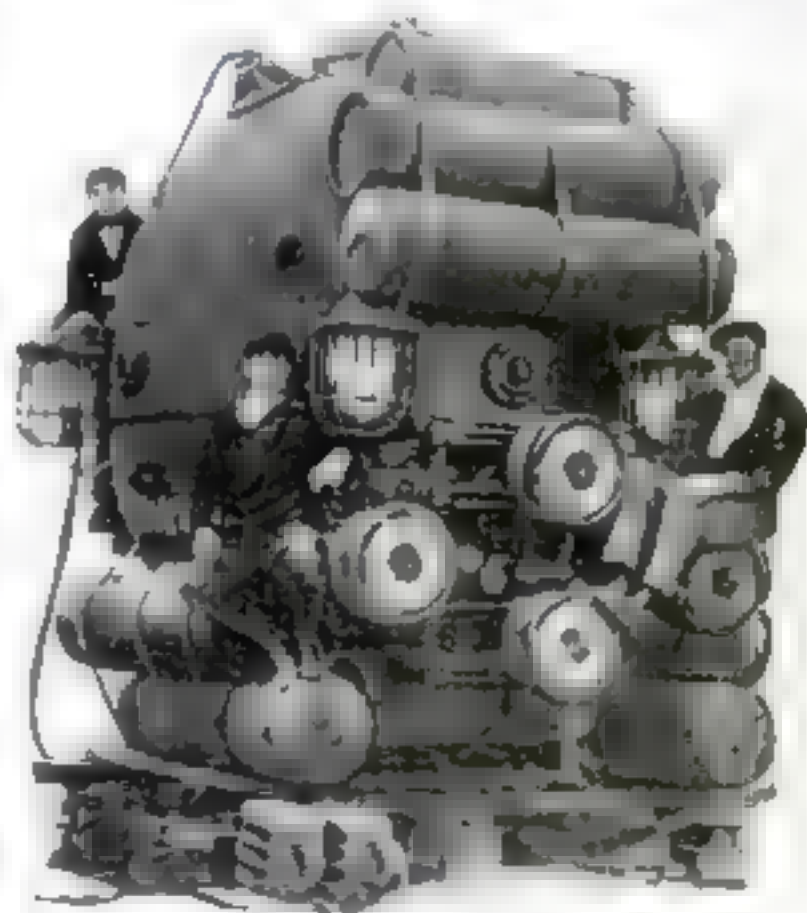
Picture this weird steel monster groping in the murky depths off the coast of Scotland in search of the fabulous treasures that went down with the Spanish Armada more than three centuries ago. Then you will have a real modern romance. The armor is so heavy that a man would be unable to move with it on land. It is electrically operated throughout. Notice particularly the claws that have the power of the combined grip of 100 men.



### Washing Gold from the Ocean's Sand

In seeking riches buried with the frigate *Lutine* in 45 feet of sand, the earth and sand brought up by

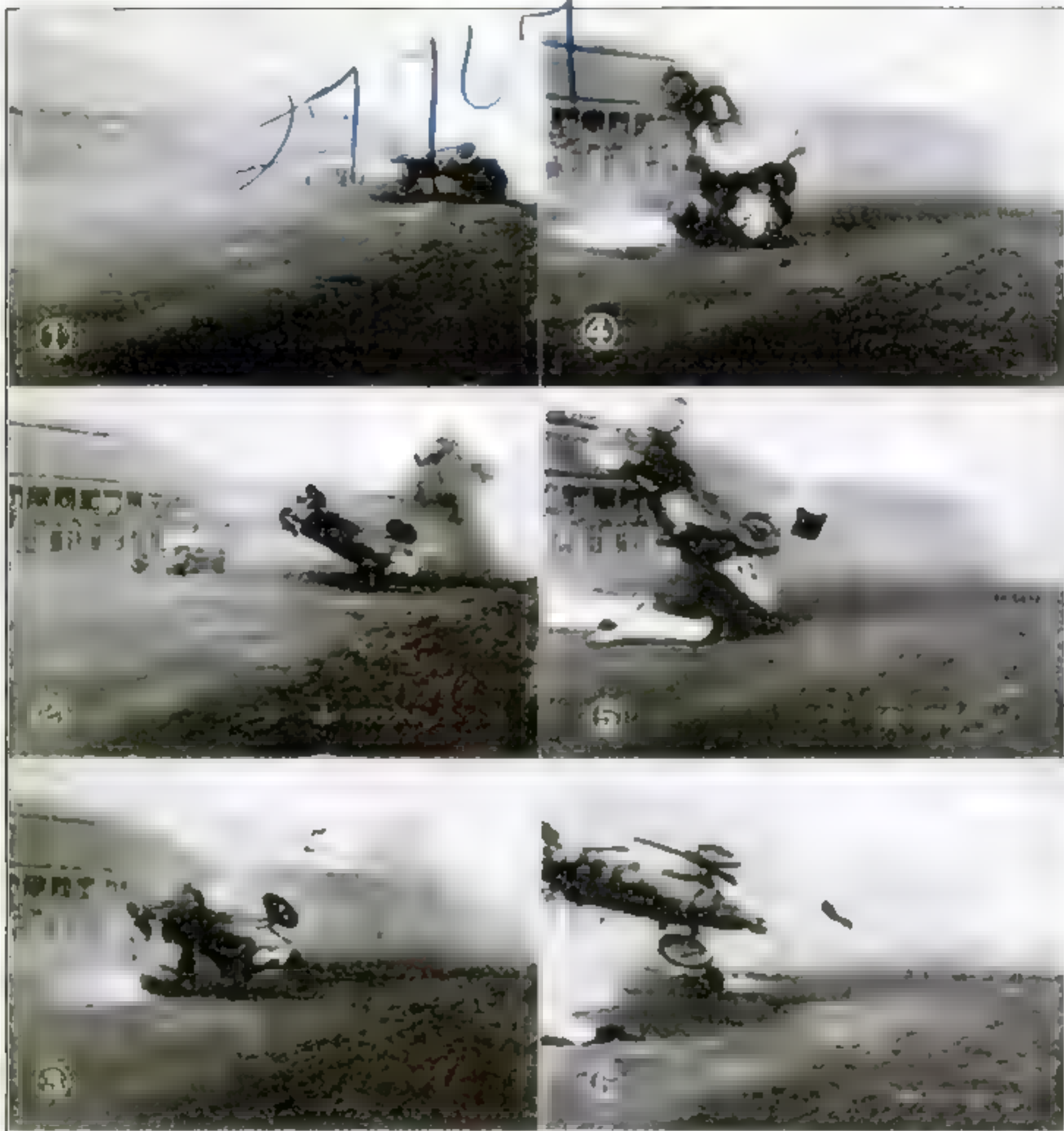
the grasper shown on the opposite page are carefully washed to recover gold and silver, as in the illustration.



### Remains under Sea Four Hours

It is claimed that four men can remain under the sea four hours in this huge diving bell recently tested near New York City. The four white disks are magnets by which the bell attaches itself firmly to a sunken ship during salvaging operations.





## A Thrilling Spill on the Speedway

**T**HESE six photographs are reproduced from what is probably the most remarkable motion picture of an automobile racing accident ever taken. They show a racing car turning a complete somersault on the track, catapulting the driver high into the air; then, as he falls to earth again, landing over upon him to crush out his life.

It was by chance that such a dramatic picture story was obtained. The camera man was at the race track at Hawthorne, Ill., recently, "shooting" pictures of a preliminary tryout. Suddenly a streamlined racer driven by Norbert Wylie, approaching the grand-stands at a speed of

more than 90 miles an hour, was side-swiped by another car. Wylie's machine reeled in a dizzy spin, toppled over and somersaulted. There was a sickening crash, and the driver lay dead beneath the thundering speed machine of which a moment before he had been the master.

**I**T WAS all over so quickly that the amazed spectators hardly knew what had happened, yet the camera's unerring eye had caught every detail of the tragedy.

In picture 1 the ill-fated car is seen at the instant the driver lost control. It has skidded sharply and is tilted up sidewise on two wheels, about to roll over.

2. A fraction of a second later. The car has turned upside down, hurling the driver into the air.

3. Wylie is seen falling in the path of the plunging machine.

4. Here the car has risen on its haunches, while the falling driver has almost reached the ground.

5. Like some brutal monster, the machine, digging its sharp tail into the track, lifts itself upward, ready to strike at its fallen master. Notice the seat cushion leaving the car at the right.

6. The instant before the fatal crash, with the racing automobile completely off the ground.



# Automatic Controls to Make Our Trains Safer

## How Machinery Prevents Collisions when Human Hands Fail

By Norman C. McCloud

**I**N THE vestibule of a limited train recently I saw the conductor, startled into sudden action, throw open the outside door and look backward. With his first move he pulled the overhead emergency cord. The swiftly speeding train jerked to a standstill in a manner that must have surprised the engineer as much as it jolted all the passengers.

In passing a signal tower the conductor had caught a flashing glimpse of the operator lurching unsteadily toward a window. Investigation revealed that the man had developed a sudden attack of illness and had fallen unconscious. Since the tower stood at the crossing of another important railway, the alertness of the conductor had made it possible to prevent disaster.

This incident of travel illustrates the importance of automatic train control, now mandatory for the first time in the history of the United States. The requirements became effective January 1, after several years of preparation. They were imposed by the Interstate Commerce Commission through peremptory orders addressed to 49 important railways, issued in June, 1922, and stipulating that each road, within 2½ years, should properly safeguard at least one full passenger locomotive division of main-line track.

Automatic control is intended to do what was done by the conductor in the case of the fainting signal operator—and do it with-

out waiting for human prompting. Its chief function is to prevent collisions, of which, in 1923, there were 938 on railroads of the United States, resulting in the death of 83 persons and the injury of 1860 others.

To reduce this costly toll by safeguarding against the failure of the human factor in railroad operation, 49 roads have installed automatic equipment on an average of 100 miles of track apiece.

This means about 5000 miles of American railways under automatic control.

The new devices are designed to guard against such possibilities as the sudden death of an operator in his tower or of an engineer in the cab of his locomotive, and to protect the train against the unexpected stoppage of a train ahead, the approach toward a broken rail, or the peril of an open switch. They remove the danger that impends when a signal is obscured by fog, smoke, or other causes.

**A**UTOMATIC train-control devices are of three general types: The ramp system, electrical induction, and magnetic induction. All convey to the locomotive cab detailed information concerning the state of the track ahead. This is accomplished through electric circuits of which the rails are the basic factor. When necessary, the devices seize control of the train and bring it to a standstill by sharp application of the air brakes.

The ramp system uses short lengths of a third rail, placed alongside the track at the approach to a wayside signal. This rail, or ramp, is somewhat higher than the regular rail, and slopes at each end. The locomotive is equipped with two metal shoes, arranged so that they establish contact with the ramp. When the shoes slide up the incline at the end of the ramp, one of two things will happen. If there is a train that is too near ahead, a broken rail, or an open switch, the rising motion of the



### Safeguarding the Limited

A Chicago & Eastern Illinois limited train at a control tower that automatically applies the brakes if the engine fails to respond to danger signals. The ramp is the extra rail at the side of the track. The upper view shows the two metal shoes that establish contact with the ramp.





shoe operates a plunger that causes the completed circuit to apply the automatic brakes. On the other hand, if the track is clear, the rising motion is nullified by a contact device and brakes are not used.

The electrical-induction and magnetic-induction systems dispense with the intermittent ramp and operate continuously. Information concerning the track ahead is transmitted through the rail circuit and reaches the cab by means of induction, through the medium of coils or magnets, placed alongside the rails. The locomotive is equipped with receivers to pick up the induction impulse from the coils or magnets. The impulse thus communicated actuates the control apparatus aboard the locomotive and applies the brakes when necessary.

In some devices the impulses picked up by the receivers are said to be of sufficient strength to be used without amplification. In others the designers have provided for amplifying the impulses by

vacuum tubes, similar to those used in radio.

In the cab of an automatically controlled train in which I made a recent trip, the engineer sat facing an interior outfit of signals, consisting of three electric lamps controlled by a speed indicator acting on the principle of a centrifugal governor. The apparatus was set to prevent speed of more than 60 miles an hour.

For some distance we moved at less than 60 miles an hour. On a slight down grade the speed increased until the indicator was above the prescribed limit, warning the engineer that he must reduce his rate of travel. The warning disappeared as soon as the excessive speed had been eliminated.

"It was up to me to slow down quickly," the engineer told me, with a good-natured grin. "If I hadn't, the blamed thing would have taken the train away from me."

Therein lies one of the important

factors of automatic control. As long as the engineer is on the alert, he loses none of his responsibility or command. But if he fails to heed the warning the brakes are applied automatically. He could not have allowed his train to maintain the high speed if he had tried. The centrifugal governor would have applied the brakes without a second warning.

Tests on the Erie Railway have produced striking results. Passenger trains of eight steel cars, running at 47 miles an hour, always have been stopped automatically within 1200 feet from the time of the automatic application of the brakes. Under company rules the normal allowance is 1600 feet. Freight trains averaging 79 cars, with weight of 6326 tons to the train, achieved stops within an average distance of 1715 feet, from a speed of 30 miles an hour.

The program of the Interstate Commerce Commission contemplates expansion of the automatic control to all roads

## Artificial Throat Returns Speech to Cancer Sufferers

TWO men stood on a platform in Baltimore, Md., recently before a gathering of surgeons. Neither had spoken in several years, their vocal cords having been removed in operations for cancer of the throat. They attempted to speak, but the results were only slight hisses from their lips and louder sibilant sounds as the air from their lungs sighed through the apertures in their throats left by the surgeons' knives.

Then Dr. John E. Mackenty, well-known laryngological surgeon, of New York, handed to each man a little device

of rubber tubing and silver, quite like some odd form of smoking pipe. The rubber tube each man affixed to a pad that was strapped to his throat over the hole through which he had been breathing since the operation that had taken his voice away. The other end of the apparatus—a tube of hard rubber resembling a pipe stem—each placed inside his mouth.

Again the men attempted to speak, and this time there issued from their lips intelligible, articulate speech!

This was the first semi-public demonstration of the artificial larynx, an amazing device developed by Dr. Harvey Fletcher, Raymond L. Wegel, and Clarence E. Lane, engineers of the Western Electric Company, which ends the hitherto hopeless silence of those who have lost their vocal cords in operations for cancer.

The artificial larynx is not

at all a complicated apparatus. It consists merely of a pad, strapped over the breathing aperture in the patient's throat, a rubber tube through which air is carried from the lungs, a little cylindrical box containing a diaphragm of thin rubber, and another tube by which the air set into vibration by the rubber diaphragm is carried to the mouth. Movements of the lips and tongue then form the speech sounds just as in the normal act of speaking.

The result is speech that is entirely intelligible with volume enough to carry across a large room. Unlike natural speech, however, it is delivered in a monotone, since the rubber diaphragm that simulates the vocal cords cannot be stretched and compressed at will to produce variations in pitch. Fourteen persons have been using an earlier and less

perfect form of the invention for about a year. Now, though, the artificial larynx will be manufactured in quantities that will make it available to all who require it. No attempt will be made to market it on a profitable basis, it is announced. Those who require one, yet cannot afford it will be loaned one. To those who can afford it, the price will be the exact cost of manufacture.

CANCER of the throat is extremely malignant, and victims survive only from 18 months to two years without an operation. Any form of local irritation may lead to the development of the disease, common contributing causes being excessive talking or shouting, excessive smoking, and bad liquor. Since it is a disease not often encountered, sometimes it is not recognized at once by physicians.

The operation is exceedingly delicate, necessitating the removal of the larynx (the Adam's apple) and the adjacent parts of the throat. One of the final steps in the operation is carrying the upper end of the windpipe forward into the wound and sewing it up in such a way that the windpipe communicates directly with the outer air. Henceforth the patient breathes through this aperture and not through his mouth.

The artificial larynx may be used by the patient almost as soon as the wound in his throat has healed. The pad is strapped to his neck continuously, with a layer of gauze underneath to keep the dust out of his lungs. When he wishes to talk, he parts his shirt just below the collar-button, and attaches the rubber tube. Very little practice is required for the user to become expert, and thereafter talking imposes no strain either on speaker or listener.



When Science Gives Back the Power of Speech

How a victim of cancer of the throat uses the new artificial larynx that gives him back the power of speech, is shown by the figure on the left. An engineer of the Western Electric Company is demonstrating to him part of the invention that simulates the action of the human vocal cords, removed in the operation for cancer. The patient is holding in his hand the box con-

taining artificial vocal cords. These are actuated by air carried through a rubber tube from a hole in the patient's throat, while the patient forms the sounds of speech with his mouth through a tube resembling a pipe stem. The diagram at upper left shows how the mechanism is substituted for the larynx, removed in an operation for cancer.



# Newest Locomotive Marvels

## Giants of Electricity and Steam to Pull Our Trains



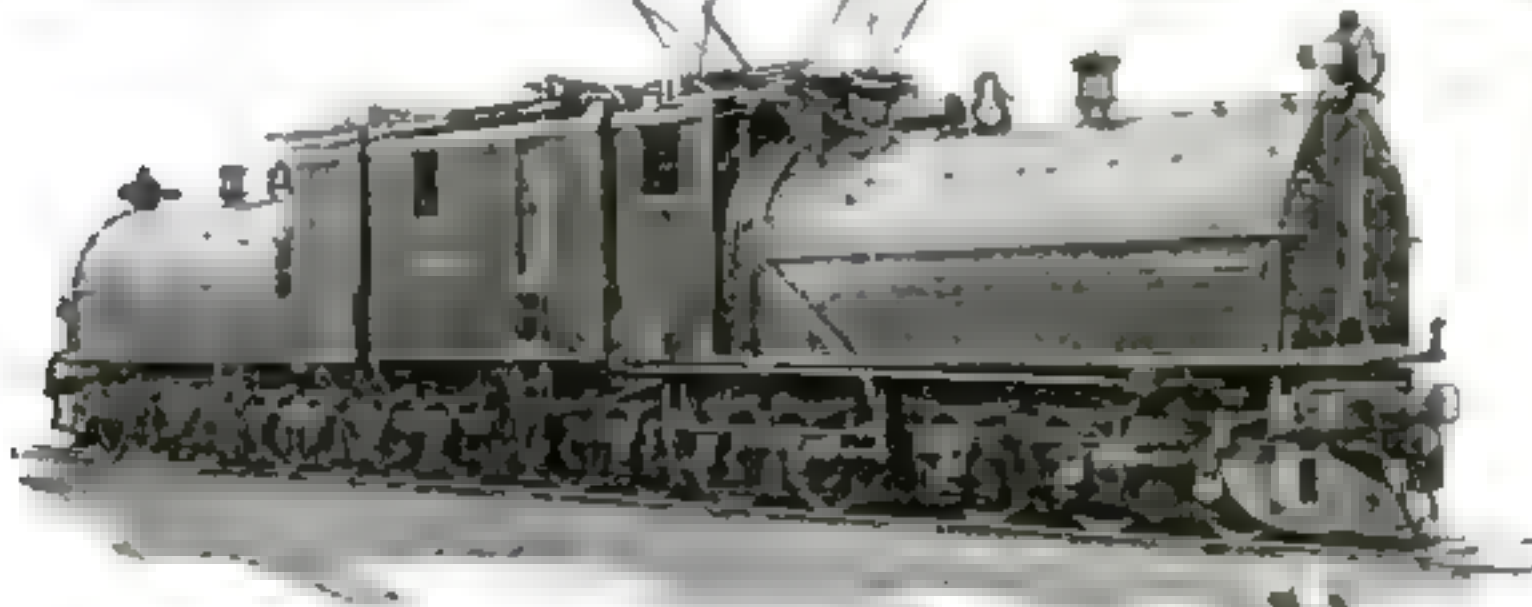
LESS than a century ago the grotesque wood-burning locomotives that hauled American trains did well if they could take a short train along a straight stretch of level track at 25 miles an hour. In less than a century these crude engines have been developed into the giants of electricity and steam that today carry us across the continent in less than five days and pull tremendous loads over mountain ranges.

Below is pictured a duplicate of one of the world's first locomotives, the "Blucher," built by George Stephenson in 1814. It drew a train of eight loaded wagons weighing 30 tons at four miles an hour.

### New Turbine Locomotive

That the common type of piston locomotive is doomed, and will be succeeded by a turbine locomotive that is 10 times as efficient, was the recent statement of Henry Zoelly, noted Swiss locomotive engineer, in a report to the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. "It is positively pitiful," he said, "to see thousands of locomotives running with maximum over-all efficiencies of from seven to nine per cent—very often as low as five or six per cent—whereas an up-to-date stationary steam plant attains with ease efficiencies in excess of 20 per cent."

Above is one of the newest types of turbine locomotives perfected in Germany. The turbine engine differs from the usual reciprocating engine in that the steam pressure, instead of being exerted against pistons, drives against a series of vanes or buckets on a rotating wheel, greatly reducing friction.



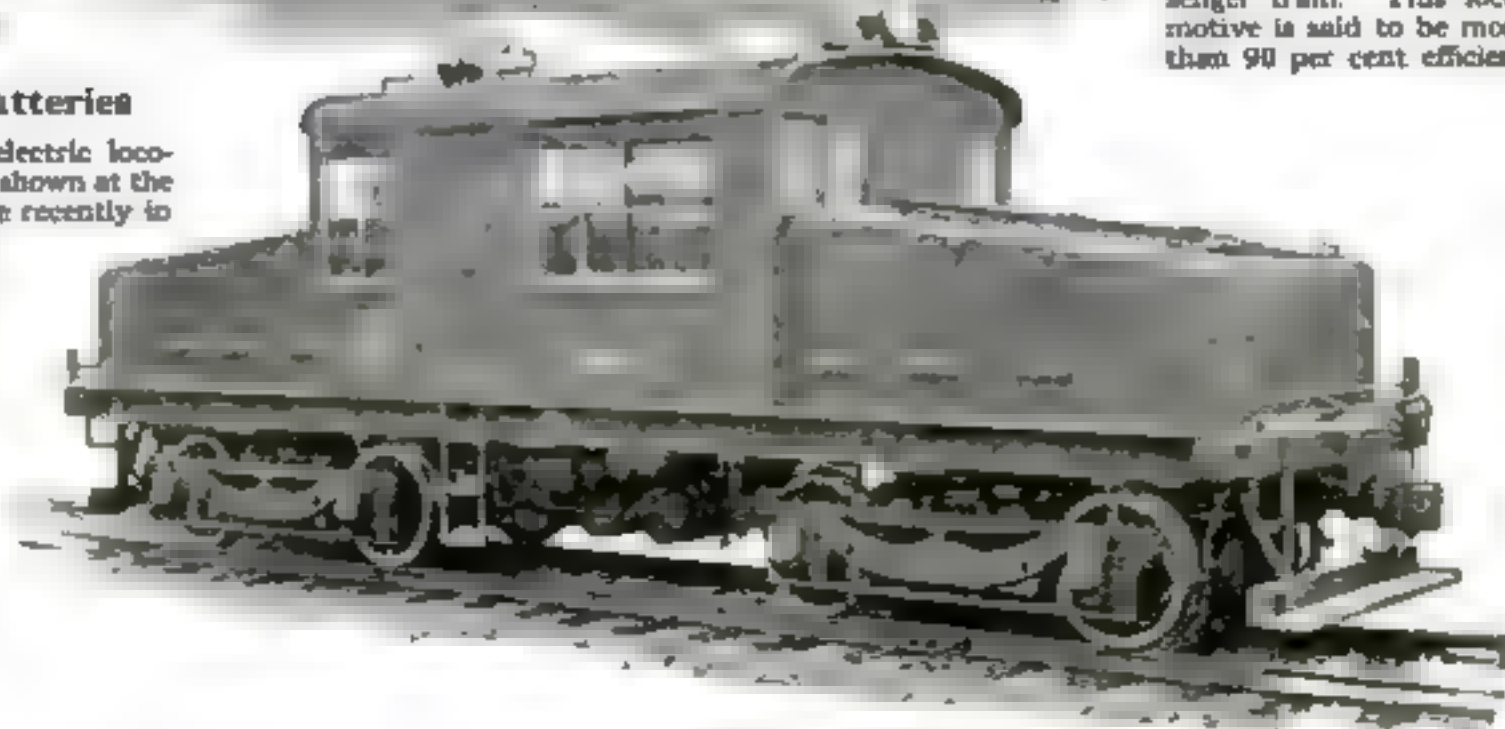
### Gearless Giant

One of the most efficient of the new electric locomotives is the high-speed gearless type shown at the left, used in the mountains of the Pacific Northwest. The motor armatures are mounted directly on the axles, 12 in number. The total weight of the drivers is 458,000 pounds.

The locomotive is in two similar units. Between them is a cab containing a boiler plant for heating the cars of a passenger train. This locomotive is said to be more than 90 per cent efficient.

### Run by Storage Batteries

The largest storage-battery electric locomotive in the United States is shown at the right. It was put into service recently in the yards of the General Electric Company at Schenectady, N. Y., and is to be used for switching on interconnecting track systems. Because of the necessity of recharging its batteries frequently, it is to be used only in a restricted area. The batteries consist of 100 cells with a total current capacity of about 1000 ampere hours, or 216 kilowatt hours.





# Speedy Airplanes to Conquer

## Thrilling Stories of Mail Routes that Have Cost

WHEN the United States mail-carrier put on the uniform of an aviator, from all over the country came warnings of disaster. Airplanes sweeping through the black of night struggling against wild storms, planes guided only by feeble lights flickering upward at long intervals, deserts and mountains to be crossed, with help difficult to procure in case of accident—all introduced an element of peril into what should be surrounded with utmost safety—the delivery of our daily letters.

But was danger really being introduced?

On the contrary, the way was being paved for a far greater measure of safety in the postal service. Those who live in cities and towns may laugh at the assertion as absurd; but it is not. For there are hundreds of Uncle Sam's postal routes where an airplane would represent the safest possible method of travel—security for the carrier such as he never

service was introduced in Alaska. What had been a 15-day trip by dog sled was completed in less than six hours. It was shown that surface temperature would drop to below zero and even lower without creating obstacles to the satisfactory operation of the planes. Rugged

and strong currents usually make short work of it. Sometimes the break-up occurs when the carrier is on the ice with horse and sleigh. The sudden collapse brings great danger, and more than one carrier owes his rescue to the quick work of the coastguard crew stationed on Plum Island, close at hand.

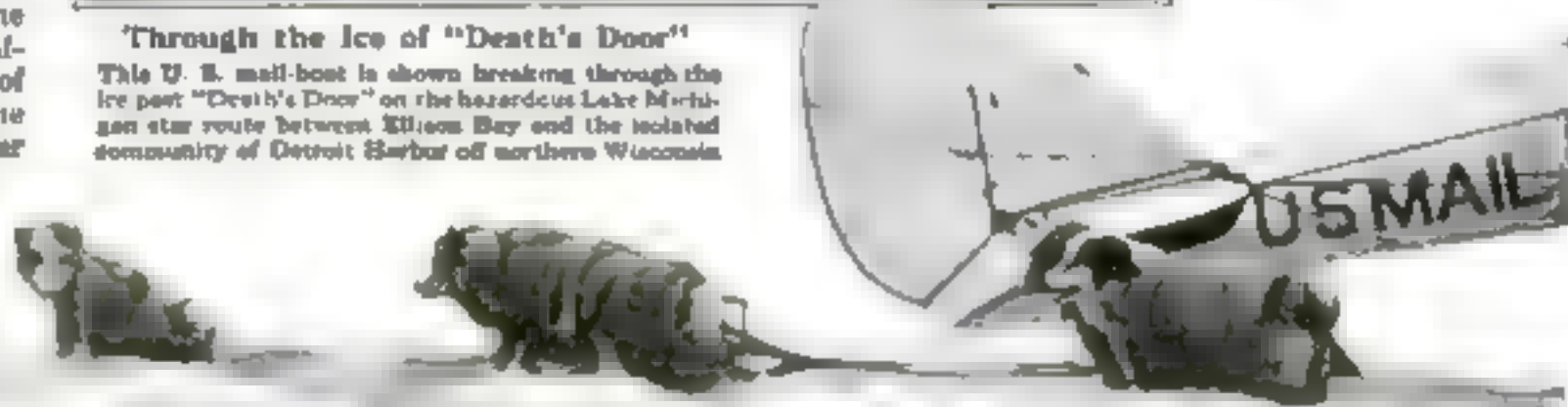
One rescue of a carrier from the break-up was full of thrills. With the destruction of his pathway, the man found himself on an ice cake barely large enough to hold himself, his horse, and his sleigh. The crew of the coastguard station saw his situation and rushed to his aid.

Broken ice surrounded the marooned carrier and made it impossible to reach him, so the coastguards were forced to combine seamanship with the methods of the plains. Their line be-



**"Through the Ice of 'Death's Door'"**

This U. S. mail-boat is shown breaking through the ice past "Death's Door" on the hazardous Lake Michigan star route between Ellison Bay and the isolated community of Detroit Harbor off northern Wisconsin.



dreamed of. These are what are called the "star routes"—the postal byways in the remote ends of the nation, where the carrier faces death and injury virtually every time he fares forth with his sack. Avalanches, floods, blizzards, drifting ice—these and other hazards of nature contribute to the perils of the carrier who serves the outposts of the postal service. In the last 30 months 56 carriers have given their lives in the performance of duty, and many others have been crippled and otherwise injured.

These unsung heroes of the nation are the ones who will benefit more than any others from the introduction of the airplane and other gifts of science such as the motorized snowsled and power ice-boat into the equipment of the postal service.

The motorized sled, recently invented by a Finnish scientist, has aroused much interest in the Post Office Department. Here is a device that undoubtedly will prove an efficient ally to the airplane in cutting down the frightful toll in lives that for years has seemed inevitable in delivering the mails to such places as the frozen wastes of Alaska.

Recently an experimental air-mail

mountains with passes blocked by avalanches were crossed easily. With motorized sleds to distribute the mail brought in bulk by the airplane, the perils of the carriers in these barren, snow-swept reaches virtually would disappear.

Likewise, the successful establishment of transcontinental air-mail service, cutting the traveling time between New York City and San Francisco from four days to 34 hours, offers the possibility of covering perilous mail routes that now are served at tremendous risk. Such a one, for example, as that which extends from Detroit Harbor, Wis., past "Death's Door." This stretch of travel is on the Lake Michigan water route that forms the sole channel of communication between Ellison Bay and the community of Detroit Harbor. In open weather the route is without difficulties. From November to May it carries dangers that prove that "Death's Door" is well named.

THE chief trouble comes from drifting ice-fields. Extremely cold weather brings about the formation of an ice-bridge, but this seldom remains for more than a few days at a time. Shifting gales

came a lariat. They lassoed the cake of ice, towed it through the water and over the surface of the ice until they brought carrier, horse, and sleigh to a place of safety.

Bucking the slush ice is another peril of the carrier who serves the route through Death's Door. When the carrier cannot find solid footing for his horse and sleigh, he uses a launch. Sometimes the slush is eight or 10 feet deep and impassable, in which case the carrier must fight his way back to the starting point and seek a fresh channel. At times the boat is caught in the drifting ice and carried out into Lake Michigan overnight.

Ellison post office is on Washington Island, an area with a population of one thousand. During severe weather the island may be without mail for five or six days. Such interruptions are serious, for the residents depend entirely on the postal service for contact with the outside world. The parcel post is their sole source of supply for medicine, provisions, and other necessities.

In this case the mail-planes would remove the dangers of Death's Door and



# Perils of U. S. Postal Trails

## the Lives of Many of Uncle Sam's Hardy Carriers

establish contact with the mainland with fine scorn of ice conditions. The entire trip could be made in the time it now takes for a carrier to launch his boat from an ice floe. And if landing proved too hazardous for planes under adverse conditions, it would be a comparatively simple matter to drop the mail bags to earth.

**L**AKE ERIE, too, offers generous aid for the mail-plane. The waters of this inland sea are a clearing house for perils of the postal routes. Important communities are located on the numerous islands lying opposite Sandusky, Marblehead, and other points on the Ohio mainland. To serve these islands with their winter mail involves grave risks. The

drifting ice-field in which they had become wedged. They were swiftly carried down the lake and the islanders gave them up as lost. As a final resort a cable message was sent to Kelleys Island.

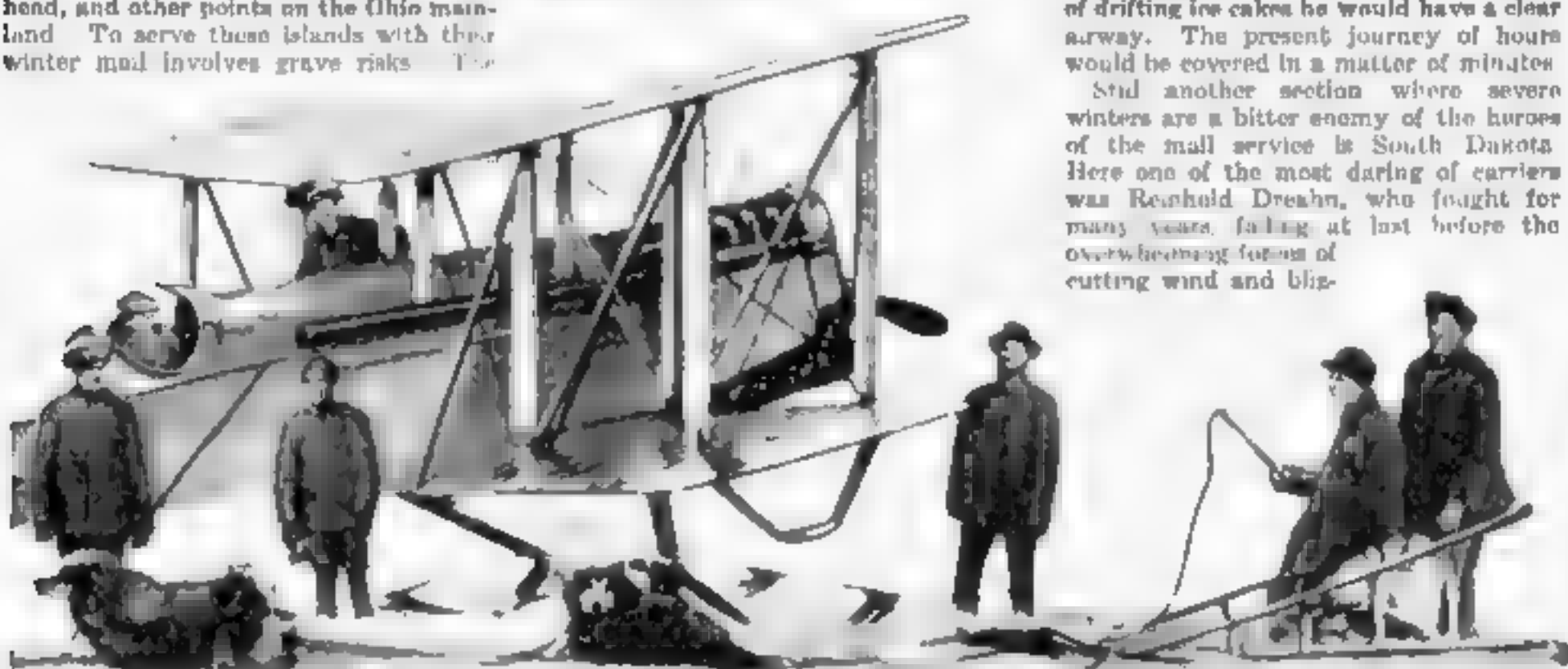
"Look out for the mail-carriers," the message read. "They are fast in the ice and drifting your way."

Rescue parties were swiftly organized. Operations were concentrated at a point at which the drift was nearest shore, and here the brothers were rescued. Assistance came none too soon. The two men were exhausted and helpless. Their caps were frozen to their heads and their cloth-

flat-bottomed skiff. For sailing in open water or on smooth ice the boat carries a sail. On the bottom are iron-shod runners for sledging. The sides are sheathed with galvanized iron as protection from the knife-blade edges of thin ice. Without this sheathing the ice would make short work of the wooden shell.

**P**ICTURE the condition of the isolated Lake Erie communities under a system of air-mail transport. Instead of facing the dangers of ice- and storm-swept seas, the carrier would cross the water at an altitude insuring complete independence of surface perils. Instead of drifting ice cakes he would have a clear airway. The present journey of hours would be covered in a matter of minutes.

And another section where severe winters are a bitter enemy of the heroes of the mail service is South Dakota. Here one of the most daring of carriers was Reinhold Dreahn, who fought for many years, failing at last before the overwhelming forces of cutting wind and bliz-



### Old and New

Above is Alaska's first airplane line, and beside it is one of the dog teams that it is replacing. Repeatedly the mail service between Fairbanks and McGrath—a distance of 300 miles—has proved that what formerly was a perilous 35-day trip by dog sled can be completed now with safety in less than 24 hours.



Map showing the direct 300-mile air-mail route between Fairbanks and McGrath, Alaska, as compared with the winding and much longer dog-sled route that it replaces.

dramatic adventure of the Hitchcock brothers is a living tradition with the islanders. The incident happened some winters ago, but it is still told as an example of what the carriers must face.

The Hitchcocks had started for some of the smaller islands when they were caught in a violent storm and a heavy sea of running ice. They could do nothing but run with the gale and the perilous

ing so completely covered and weighted with ice that they could not move. More than a bushel of ice was chopped from their garments after the rescue.

The ironclad is one of the institutions of Lake Erie. Perhaps it is best described as a combination sailboat, rowboat, ice-yacht and sled. When it can't be moved as one, it becomes another. In a single journey it may be all four. The craft is a

zard sled. His life was an endless chain of journeys between the post offices at Marchion and Buffalo. Storms found him unafraid. His one creed of service was that the mails must move—the creed that finds its full expression in the work of the postal servants everywhere.

One Saturday afternoon last winter Dreahn left Marchion for Buffalo on his semi-weekly trip. A fierce snowstorm was raging. With nightfall the cold became intense. Buffalo knew the man and his record and awaited his arrival with quiet confidence.

But when on the Sunday Dreahn failed to appear, all Buffalo became anxious, and searching parties were organized. It was too late. Dreahn had made his last trip. He had fought his way to within a few hundred yards of the town, only to lose the struggle in sight of safety.

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# First Aid for Your Family

What you should keep in your medicine cabinet for every emergency—How to safeguard against mistakes

By John F. Anderson, M.D.

**W**HEN you open the door of your medicine cabinet, what do you see on its narrow shelves? Do you see articles that should be there for every possible emergency, and of which your family physician would approve; or do you see articles he would not approve, and many of which may be dangerous or at least unsafe?

The medicine cabinet should be well lighted and well lighted for any emergency, says Doctor Anderson



The daily papers tell us too often the story of what has happened to some one, usually as the result of a night call on the contents of the medicine cabinet, because there was included a dangerous drug among the real household emergency products of harmless character! Some member of the family, groping around in the dark, picks up the wrong bottle, and the mistake is not discovered until it is too late.

These deplorable and preventable accidents usually

are due to the inadvertent swallowing of either one of the coal-tar disinfectants such as carbolic acid, cresol or the like, or tablets of bichloride of mercury.

Dangerous drugs should be banned from every household medicine cabinet. The household medicine cabinet should be in the best lighted part of the bathroom, and so placed that when the mirror-fronted door is open, a light shines full upon its contents. It should be painted and kept in spotless white, and its shelves preferably should be of glass.

What should we find on the shelves of this household emergency drug-store?

Suppose we start our list with those products that may be used for the relief of indigestion and constipation, the two great American complaints. Sodium bicarbonate should be there for the first of these: A liberal pinch in half a glass of

water is a good remedy for "heartburn" and other symptoms of indigestion.

Bicarbonate of soda also relieves the sting of insect bites, eases the pain of superficial burns; may be used in solution as a gargle for a sore throat, and in a bath for tired feet. Truly this is the most useful of the contents of the medicine cabinet.

For the relief of sluggish bowels or habitual constipation, there should be mineral oil, or liquid petrolatum, as the doctors call it; Epsom salts and castor oil (the tasteless kind for children).

**A**S WE have banned carbolic acid and the like, as well as bichloride of mercury, we should replace these dangerous disinfectants by others. In their place let us put in tincture of iodine to be used as an application to cuts and wounds before the doctor arrives; chloramine-T as a general disinfectant and dressing for wounds of various kinds, particularly infected ones; boric acid as a prophylactic antiseptic and particularly for use in a solution as an eye wash, or douche.

We must not omit a benzoated cream to be used for the relief of chafing as well as chapped hands and lips, and as an application to insect bites.

A tube of analgesic balm will often be found useful for rubbing in cases of neuralgia or lumbago, over bruises, painful and swollen joints, and as a counter-irritant in general.

Milk of magnesia is recommended by dentists as a mouth wash and by physicians as an anti-acid and mild laxative; it should therefore be in the medicine cabinet. For solutions to be used as gargles, bicarbonate of soda or a solution of sodium chloride or table salt will do well.

While persistent headaches give warning that there may be some organic condition requiring the advice and services of a physician, there are nevertheless times when there is need of something to relieve a headache or pain of a severity and extent not requiring the services of a doctor. The best all-round product to include in the medicine cabinet for this purpose is aspirin.

For these uses the old-time medicine cabinet was likely to contain acetanilid or phenacetin or even something more harmful; but aspirin has largely displaced them. Aspirin now is prescribed in the early stages of a head

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## For Your Shelves

The following list was compiled by Doctor Anderson, who formerly was Director of the Hygienic Laboratory of the U. S. Public Service, and who now is Director of the Biologic Laboratories of E. R. Squibb & Sons, New York City.

**Sodium Bicarbonate**—For indigestion, heartburn, slight burns, sore throat, and dandruff.

**Epsom Salts and Castor Oil**—For constipation and as a laxative.

**Tincture of Iodine**—An emergency disinfectant for cuts and wounds.

**Sterile Bandages and Gauze**—For dressing wounds in emergency.

**Boric Acid**—Eye wash or douche.

**Benzoated Cream**—Relieves chafing, chapped hands, or insect bites.

**Analgesic Balm**—For neuralgia or lumbago, bruises, painful and swollen joints.

**Milk of Magnesia**—Mouth wash, mild laxative.

**Aspirin**—For headache or head cold.

**Zinc Ointment**—To relieve skin inflammation caused by poison ivy or poison oak.

**Aromatic Spirits of Ammonia**—For fainting, nervousness, or giddiness.

**Thromboplastin**—For nose-bleed.



# Gay Deceivers among the Insects

## Nature's Clever Camouflage Protects Them from Enemies

THE world's foremost artisan in camouflage is Nature herself. To protect her creations she has endowed them with amazing tricks of deception. There are plants that entice unsuspecting insects to destruction by alluring flowers and luscious drops of honey. In the sea are countless creatures that conceal themselves from their enemies by transparency or by changing their colors. On land and sea are other creatures, not really harmless, that are made to appear feeble.

Among the insects an astonishing example of this protective art is the butterfly pictured at the right. This butterfly is protected from birds that are its prey by the markings on its wings resembling the eyes of an owl. You will see how striking this fact is if you turn the picture so that it is upside down.



Look at the legs in the photograph below and see if you can find an insect. If you examine them carefully you will see one long stick with legs and antennae. This is the *Flacilla*, a common grasshopper known as the walking stick. It belongs to the grasshopper family and is the color of tree bark.



At first glance would you believe that the tree trunk pictured above has one of the queerest of moths? When you see the *Catocala* flash its brightly colored hind wings, but as soon as it comes to rest, these brilliant wings are concealed beneath its fore wings that almost exactly imitate the bark of a tree. In this way it can rest with the assurance of comparative safety from the birds that prey upon it.



You would have to look twice wouldn't you to tell that the object pictured above was other than just a plain wall? This is one of several species of butterflies that are protected by their wonderful imitation of green or dead leaves. The camouflage is so realistic that even the nerve veins running through the wings duplicate the veins of a leaf. In some cases the butterflies appear to be weather worn leaves.



# Crash of Electrons Heard

How invisible bombardments by the smallest particles of matter are magnified a million times—Seconds split into a billion parts—

A promising treatment of tuberculosis—Other important new mileposts in the march of science

**E**XCEEDINGLY faint sounds often are compared with the drop of a pin. Can you imagine, though, listening to sounds beads which the impact of a pin on a soft rug would be like a clap of thunder?

Two American scientists did just that recently, when they devised an apparatus by which they were able to hear electrons, which, as you know, are the smallest known particles of matter—infinite charges of electricity so tiny that their exact size could scarcely be computed if we were able to divide a millionth of an inch into a million parts.

Dr. A. W. Hull of the General Electric Company, Schenectady, N. Y., and Dr. N. H. Williams of the University of Michigan, are the two scientists who have succeeded in listening to the inaudible. By means of a vacuum-tube amplifier, they heard in a loudspeaker the bombardment of electrons against the plate of a vacuum tube.

Such laboratory feats are highly important in bringing us closer to a knowledge of the exact nature of that mighty force electricity, of which, science now tells us, our whole world and all it contains are composed.

## A New Weapon

**W**ITHIN a short time there will arrive in the United States from Denmark a supply of a chemical preparation that may prove to be one of the most important contributions ever made to the science of medicine. It is a treatment for tuberculosis, developed by Dr. Holger Moelgaard, professor of physiology at the Agricultural College of Copenhagen, which is said to have been employed successfully in clinical use by its discoverer.

It is for the purpose of permitting the United States Public Health Service to subject the compound—called "manocrysin"—to thorough tests that a supply of it is being shipped to this country.

The preparation is a solution of a double salt of gold and sodium with

thiosulphuric acid. The treatment consists of injecting the preparation into the veins or muscles. It is said to penetrate animal tissues quickly, thus reaching the tubercular clusters speedily, and to act on the bacilli with sudden and deadly effect. Its destructive powers are said to be so rapid, in fact, that this in itself offers a danger to the patient, for the poisons from myriads of dead tubercle bacilli piling up in the system constitute a deadly menace. To counteract this toxic effect, however, a serum has been devised, which is reported to be entirely efficacious.

However, conservative physicians, mindful of the failure of other loudly heralded medical discoveries, are seeking to prevent the hopes of tuberculosis sufferers from being raised too high until the new treatment has proved itself.

## Other Universes like Ours

**H**ERE and there in the sky are hazy patches of light, which astronomers call "spiral nebulae." Just what they are, astronomers never have agreed, some holding that they are other faraway "universes" or stellar systems like the one of which our earth is a part, while others have contended that they are within our universe, about as far distant from us as our faintest stars.

A discovery in support of the first theory was made recently by Dr. Edwin Hubble, of the Mt. Wilson Observatory in California, who announces that his investigations show the spiral nebulae actually to be independent universes—suns, stars, and planets such as those of our universe—and six quintillion (6,000,000,000,000,000,000) miles or more away from us.

Such figures mean little to us. We can, though, understand Doctor



**Amplifier Magnifies Sounds a Million Times**

With this vacuum-tube amplifying apparatus, Dr. A. W. Hull of the General Electric Company and Dr. N. H. Williams of the University of Michigan listen to the noise of electrons as they bombard a vacuum tube plate.

Reports from Denmark assert that "hundreds of cases have been treated successfully in Copenhagen hospitals, some of them being persons in the advanced stages of the disease." Dr. Allen W. Freeman, of Johns Hopkins Hospital, who visited Copenhagen recently, has reported to the annual conference of Ohio Health Commissioners that he observed the treatment being used with apparent success.

Doctor Williams before the loudspeaker listening to the sounds made by the smallest known particles



Hubble when he says that the light from the spiral nebulae, traveling 186,000 miles a second, takes one million years to reach the earth! In other words, his computations were based on light waves that started toward the earth a million years before his telescope was mounted, and have just now reached here.

He does not say, however, that these inconceivably distant objects mark the limits of space. Other galaxies of stars—other universes—probably are still more remote, he says, and appear smaller in consequence.

### Smallest Time Measurement

**S**PLITTING seconds into a billion parts was the amazing accomplishment announced recently by Prof. Paul Heymans, professor of theoretical physics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

After a gasp of astonishment that any one could make a measurement so minute, the natural question occurs: What of it?



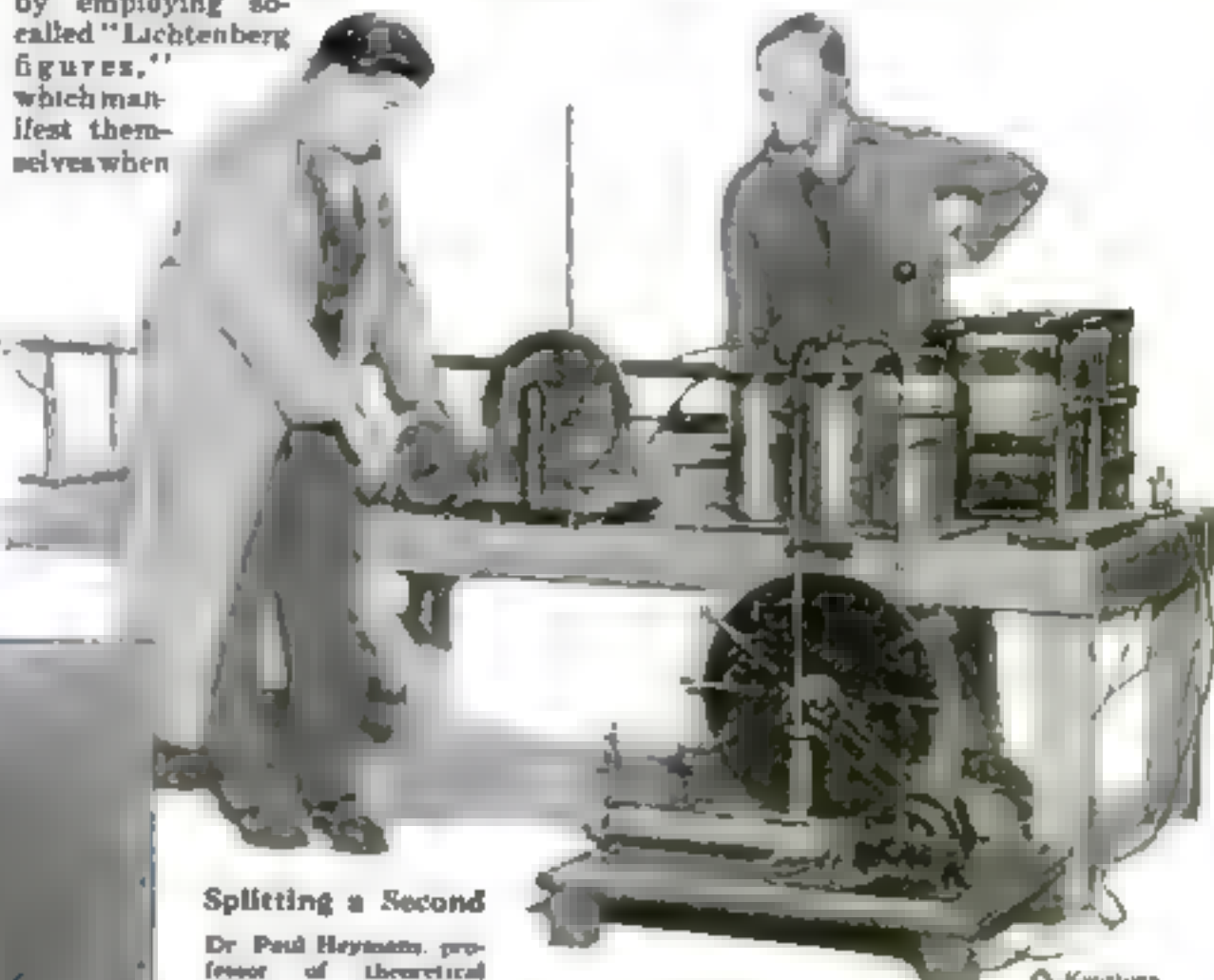
What use shall we ever have for a method of measuring a billionth of a second, or one-hundredth of one-billionth of a second, as Professor Heymans thinks we may detect soon?

One of the possible uses might be to determine the difference in time it would take for two bodies of the same shape, but of different materials, to fall from the same height.

This would throw tremendous light upon our knowledge of what is inside the earth. For a long time geologists have based their theories on the assumption that all materials fall to the ground from the same height in the same time. But by means of the new instrument, it may be learned that the force of gravity varies in different substances. If it is true that the gravity pull in the earth varies toward different objects, this knowledge would be tremendously important in determining conditions in the interior of the earth, and might prove of great consequence in studies of earthquakes and eruptions.

Another application of the time-splitting device might be to determine in which mediums electricity travels fastest. This would be valuable in designing X-ray tubes where the velocity of electricity must be introduced to make a correct design. Studies might be made, too, of the actual mechanism of the conduc-

tion of electricity through solutions. This would prove of immense importance in the electrochemical and electroplating industries. This remarkable apparatus is a modification of one devised by Professor P. O. Pederson at the University of Copenhagen. The measurement is made by employing so-called "Lichtenberg figures," which manifest themselves when



Splitting a Second

Dr. Paul Heymans, professor of theoretical physics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (left) and his assistant, Nathaniel H. Frank, working at the laboratory apparatus with which they have succeeded in splitting a second into a billion parts. The measurements are made by means of so-called "Lichtenberg figures," shown in the photograph at the left, which are produced when an electric wave is reflected from an electrode by laboratory methods.

an electric wave is reflected from an electrode. When two electrodes are placed side by side at a certain angle and distance, the Lichtenberg figures meet.

The position of the meeting line depends upon the time that has elapsed between the times that the electric waves reach the electrodes. The rate at which these figures are formed is so extremely large that intervals of time from one-thousandth of one-billionth of a second may be detected.

### A Radio Compass for Flyers

**A**NOTHER forward step in commercial aviation was taken a few weeks ago when Lieut. George W. Goddard flew in an army plane from Dayton, Ohio, to Moundville, Ala., through a virtually continuous haze guided entirely by radio compass, steering only in response to signals from transmitting stations at his starting place and destination.

The radio compass for aircraft was perfected by the Army Air Service and the Signal Corps. The pilot wears a close-fitting helmet equipped with ear phones, and his hearing of the signals is facilitated by long exhaust pipes that carry away the sound of the motor explosions. A 300-foot weighted wire, suspended from the plane, serves as an aerial, and the receiving set is "grounded" on the body of the plane. While the pilot remains on his course, he hears only a constant string of "dashes" from his radio receiver. Should he veer to the left, he is warned by hearing a

"dash" followed by a "dot" every 10 seconds. If he goes off course to the right, he hears "dots" followed by "dashes."

Lieutenant Goddard's flight was made on a direct beeline and in exceptionally fast time.

### Drops of Electric Fire

**G**LOWING, golden droplets of liquid fire, a new and spectacular type of electrical discharge, were discovered recently by Dr. Irving Langmuir, O. G. Found, and A. F. Dittmer of the research laboratory of the General Electric Company at Schenectady, N.Y. This phenomenon is expected to lead to a better understanding of what takes place in a vacuum.

The globules were observed when a trace of tungsten was introduced in a discharge tube filled with argon. They seem to have characteristics similar to those of ball lightning, to which so many peculiar antics have been attributed. The nature of the globules in this experiment, therefore, has led scientists to conclude that in the strange ball lightning there is an outer surface of positive electric charges within which are imprisoned negatively charged incandescent particles of matter.

The tube used in the experiment has a tungsten filament at one end, heated to a glow by low voltage. High voltage between the filament and a small plate electrode at the other end of the tube completes the circuit. Pure argon, an inert gas, is sealed in the tube at low pressure.

By altering the current passing through the tube, tiny particles of the tungsten filament are made to "sputter" into the argon vapor. This small amount of tungsten emitted produces an astonishing effect. When a magnet is brought near, droplets are formed. The size of these can be varied from the tiniest of drops to the size of a pea.





### Six Handy End Wrenches Assembled on Ring

A SET of six very serviceable end wrenches assembled on one ring forms a useful tool for work about the house or in the garage. The smallest fits hexagonal or square nuts measuring five-sixteenth inch; the largest is for five-eighth-inch nuts, while the other wrenches fit nuts of one-eighth-inch gradations between these two measurements.

The wrenches are handy for the car, the lawnmower, vacuum cleaner, radio work, and other purposes.

### Average Life Is 56 Years

THE average length of life in the United States now is 56 years, an increase of 15 years since 1870, according to a recent report of the U. S. Public Health Service. In the nineteenth century human life averaged only between 18 and 20 years.

### Automatic Signal Replaces Traffic Cop

BLOOMFIELD, N. J., is cutting down its police force by installing electrical automatic traffic signals. The "stop" and "go" signs revolve at regular intervals, which can be shortened or lengthened to meet the

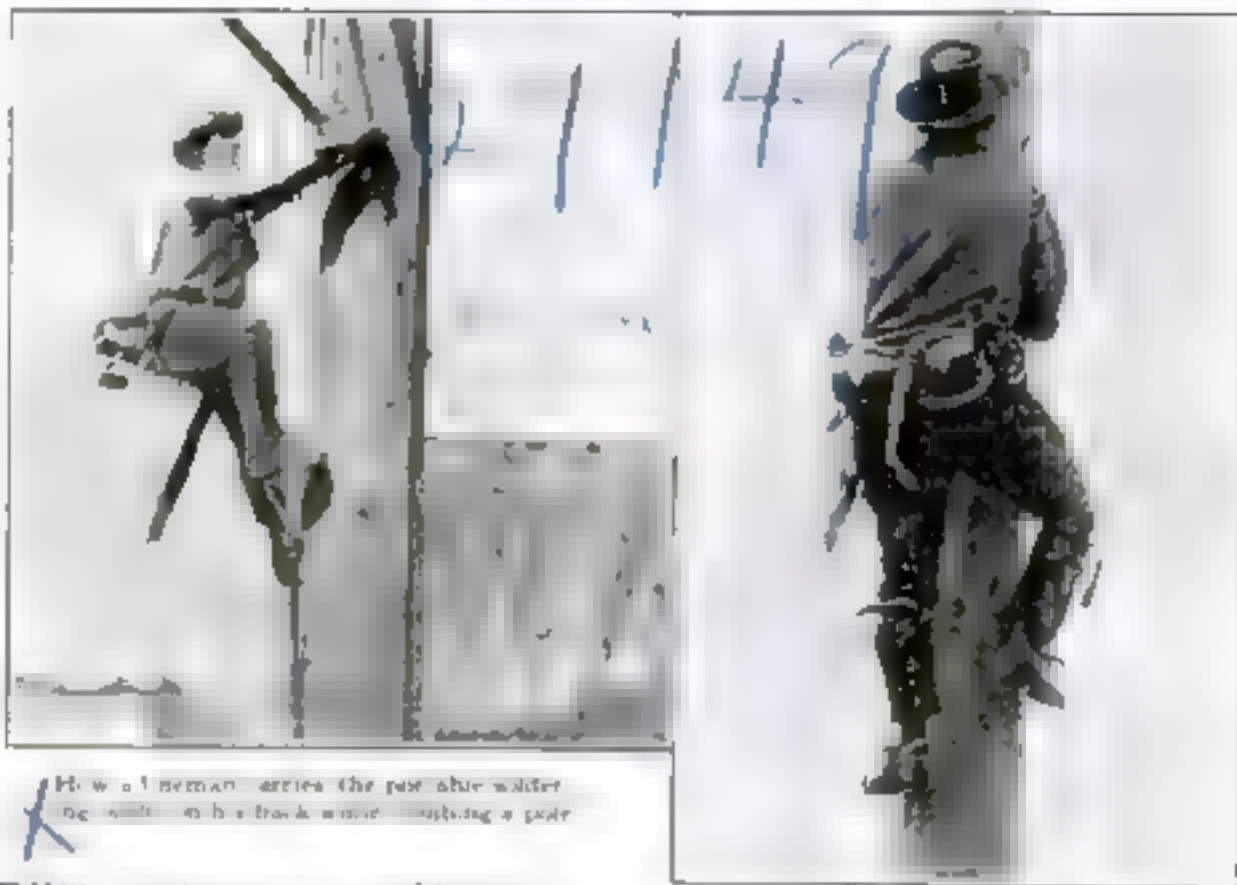
requirements of any particular crossing. Tests have shown, it is said, that the signs will operate successfully and that they are sufficient warning for automobile drivers to know when they are supposed to halt. It remains to be seen, however, whether mechanical traffic officers of this kind will command the same obedience that a policeman will.

### Coastguardmen Rescued 2462 Persons in Year

THE army of thousands of men of the U. S. Coastguard Service, who patrol our 13,000 miles of coastline as methodically as a ship's deck, constitute the most complete life-saving organization in the world. During the 12 months ending last July 1 men from coastguard boats and stations rescued 2462 persons from positions of peril. There was never a day in the year in which guardmen did not perform some service to vessels or persons in distress.

Scattered along our coasts are hundreds of stations, fleets of boats, and wrecking machinery units, linked by telephones and by the new radio receiving and broadcasting stations. This vast machinery can be set in operation a few minutes after a distress signal is picked up from a ship at sea, and in this way any emergency can be met.

## Better Tools and New A Portable Soldering Outfit for Linemen



How a lineman carries the new soldering outfit on his back while climbing a pole.

THIS portable, compact soldering outfit is said to enable telephone linemen to accomplish more work in a day and do it with more safety than by the older methods.

While climbing a pole, the lineman carries a tank of acetylene gas, a soldering iron, and torch attachments, all strapped to his back and out of his way. The outfit may be used for overhead line, or underground cable jobs.

The flame is easily controlled and not

affected by the weather, a valuable feature for linemen, whose most important work is often done in the worst weather, as thunderstorms and snowstorms are the worst enemies of telegraph poles and lines.

### Newest Rope Fire Escape, Has Safety Control



HERE is a new safety fire-escape device, consisting of a rope fitted with combination slide and clamping castings. In case of fire, the person trapped in a burning building uncoils the escape rope, and slides the casting along the rope so that it rests just below the window-sill.

A loop of rope fits around a person's body under the arms. Sliding down the rope, he governs his speed by manipulating a brake-control wheel on the slide with his right hand, while grasping the body of the casting with his left.



The old and the new in traffic regulation—a uniformed traffic cop standing beside the new automatic "stop" and "go" signal.





# Labor-Saving Methods

## Fighting Perilous Mine Dust with Cannon



**S**HOOTING at dust with a cannon is a new and strange method by which the Federal Bureau of Mines expects to reduce the annual appalling death toll in mines caused by the many coal-dust explosions.

The dust cannon is mounted on a mine car and moved quickly to any part of a mine where danger is believed to be imminent. The gunner fires a charge of black

powder, sending the dust, if there is any, spraying in all directions.

The seriousness of the inflammable dust menace is being realized more and more, and the government is experimenting with many devices to fight it. The dust cannon shown in the photograph is considered especially practical because of its compactness and the ease with which it can be moved.

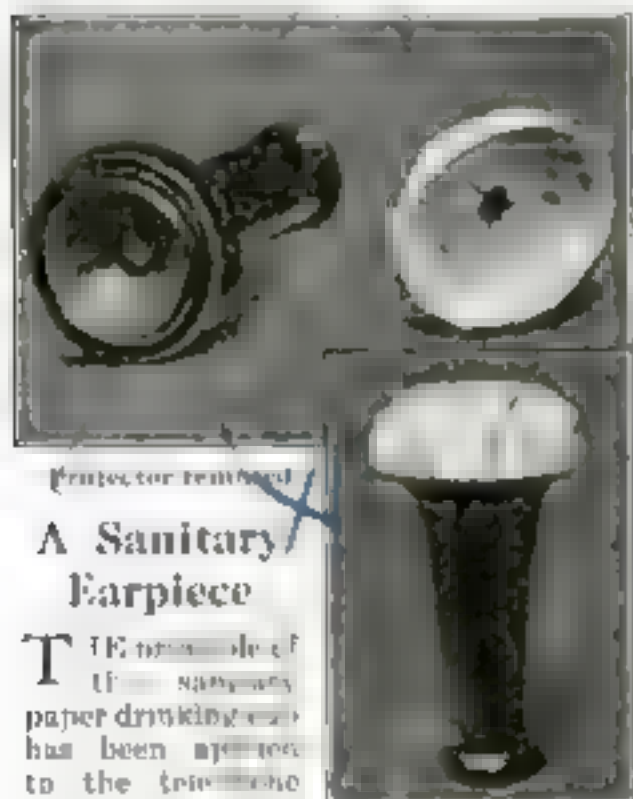


## A Simple and Easy Way to Mend Shaky Chairs

**F**IRST aid to shaky furniture comes in the form of small pop-shaped metal pieces that fix loose chair parts neatly and without nails or glue. The metal piece is inserted in the rung or loose arm piece, and driven in as shown in the illustration.

## Cheer for the Low-Brows

**I**F YOU have a low brow, it is no sign that you are less intelligent than a person with a high brow, according to Dr. Allen H. Hodge, director of physical anthropology at the National Museum, Washington, D. C.



Protector removed

## A Sanitary Earpiece

**T**HE new idea of a sanitary paper drinking cup has been applied to the telephone receiver by Juan A. Dominguez of Mayaguez, Porto Rico. The device, a sanitary ear protector for radio as well as telephone receivers, is cup-shaped, of strong paraffined paper, crimped and pressed so that it will fit snugly over the end of the receiver and stay in place without further attention.

Since the cost of each protector is exceedingly small, the inventor proposes that they be installed in public telephone booths and each used only once. Thus every user would be assured of a fresh and sanitary receiving earpiece.

After each telephone call, the old protector would be thrown away and a new one put on by each subscriber.

## New Office Desk Built on Sectional Plan

**B**UILDING your own desk to fit your own particular needs has been made possible by the recent invention of a sectional desk designed on much the same principle as the sectional bookcase. The units are manufactured in standardized dimensions so that filing cabinets and drawers of specified sizes can be installed as desired.

The foundation units of the desk are two low stools with four legs each. On the flat tops of the stools are placed the side cabinets and drawers, which are held firmly together by means of locking pins. On the cabinets rest the flat desk top, under the center of which is attached a

shallow drawer for writing utensils and other small articles.

The manufacturer claims that the unit, when assembled, provides a substantial and durable desk for office use.



How the sectional office desk is assembled. Notice how the side cabinets rest on low, four-legged stools and in turn support the flat top of the desk.



# Novel Appliances

## Revolving Lamp-Shade Tells the Time—

SOME can tell time during the day by looking at the sun. Now, by means of a curious new invention, any one can tell time at night by looking at a lamp. It is a special sort of table lamp, with a shade that is turned by clock works contained in the base of the lamp. The shade makes one complete turn in 12 hours.

A pointer at the edge of the shade indicates the time as marked by perforated figures and dots on the shade. These are not conspicuous and at first glance a visitor would not suspect the double function of the attractive bronze-finished lamp.

This novel lamp-clock has a 21-day movement. A key for winding it is under the lamp base. It will be observed that the photograph was taken at 1.05 o'clock.



One Use by the Lampshade Clock

THE world's record for bricklaying is claimed by a foreman bricklayer of Sheffield, England, who recently laid 809 bricks in a row of more than 18 a minute.

## Complete Kitchenette in a Small Cabinet

AN ENTIRE kitchenette in what appears to be a refrigerator is a new convenience for those who happen to live in one or two rooms, but cling to their liking for home cooking.

A table providing space for 1 or 2 persons can be attached to the side of the cabinet, so that a man may sit down easily. An ironing-board, too, hangs on the back of the kitchenette.

Either electric stove or gas plate may be used for cooking. If electricity used, opening the lid automatically connects the electric current, and closing the lid shuts it off. The stove is in a compartment at the top of the cabinet, while in the lower compartments are shelves to hold large cooking utensils and food containers.

Finished in wood tones or white enamel this compact outfit occupies about the same space as an ordinary easy chair.

On the inside of the front door hang other utensils: a rack for dish towels, and a small shelf for milk and cream bottles. This

the center so that when it is opened it swings outward, providing convenient access to the articles on the back of it.



These two photographs show clearly how the compact kitchenette appears when opened for use and when closed into a neat cabinet that occupies very small space in an apartment. Note the easy folding dining-table hinged to one side of the cabinet, also the compact stove compartment at the top of the open cabinet.



## New Split Cane Rod for Deep-Sea Fishing

EIGHTEEN months are required to construct the newest type of deep-sea fishing-rod, designed by an English manufacturer especially for landing big game fish. It is known as a "split cane rod," and is equipped with an enormous brake reel fitted with a brake band not unlike that of an automobile. The brake is operated by a lever.

The rod has a core of highly tempered steel surrounded by two or three layers of cane strips. A cork handle is provided for a better hold.



## An Adjustable Desk Chair

AN OFFICE chair with adjustable back rest and narrow seat has been designed recently to enable desk workers to sit with correct posture and less fatigue. The chair automatically swivels to fit into the hollow of the back where support is needed. Each chair may be adjusted to suit the user.



# for Every-Day Use

## Self-Standing Golf Bag Replaces Caddy



How the golf bag supports itself

**TO ELIMINATE** the bother of constantly picking up a golf bag after the completion of each stroke, when the caddy is not on duty, Robert L. Fargo, of Chicago, Ill., has invented a self-standing golf bag.

Two legs are attached to the top of the bag and are arranged so they will swing out and hold the bag when the bag is tipped. Acting like the legs of a tripod, they hold the bag in a standing position, keeping the clubs within easy reach and saving wear on the bag.

A **CHEMICAL** product resembling glass and useful for many of the same purposes recently was perfected by Fritz Pollak, a German inventor. It can be rolled, bored, polished or cut, without the tendency of glass to splinter. Because of this quality it is useful especially for automobile windows, optical instruments, ornaments, and other articles. The inventor arrived at this product by condensing carbamide and theo-carbamide with formaldehyde.



## A Compact Electric Motor for the Phonograph

**THE** new electric phonograph motor recently perfected is said to be the first of its kind that runs without belt, gear, or friction disk reduction. It has a direct drive and will run at a constant speed at the low rate of 40 revolutions a minute. Its maximum speed is 150 revolutions a minute.

The motor is very compact, small enough to be put into a portable phonograph outfit and powerful enough to run the largest phonograph. It operates on any 110-volt circuit.

## "Help Yourself" Service for Soft Drinks

**DISCOVERING** the general popularity of "wait-on-yourself" devices in use in the larger cities, a New York inventor has produced a container for ice-bottled soft drinks, from which the customer can choose for himself his favorite brand. He opens a lid at the top of the beverage dispenser, then turns a handle, which revolves a tray inside until the desired bottle is reached.

There is a bottle opener at the side of the dispenser. When the customer has opened the bottle and consumed its contents, he places the empty bottle in a compartment at the bottom of the dis-

pen- and pays the cashier his reckoning. Besides giving more efficient service, it is claimed that this method of self-service lowers expenses for labor and cuts the cost of ice bills.

## New Needle-Guiding Button

**A NEEDLE-FINDING** button is a recent invention designed to make sewing on buttons less tiresome. The new button is said to save the worker's time by encouraging the needle to slide easily into the button holes.

The under side of the button is molded in such a way that wide-angled guide the needle toward the holes. In-parallel perpendicular are smooth on sloping sides, so that the needle glides readily into the proper place without hitch or hesitation. The arrangement of the holes also distributes the stitches over a wide area of cloth.

A cupped portion on the rear or cloth side receives the mass of thread that it is customary to wrap around the stitches passing through the holes. This makes it possible for the button to lie flat against the surface of the garment.



No attendant is required to dispense soft drinks, where this self-service apparatus is installed



## An Auto-Cleaning Sponge that Stays Wet

**A RUBBER** sponge, kept wet by running water, is a new time-saving invention for cleaning an automobile. A rubber tubing is fastened to the sponge through a hollow handle and the other end of the tubing is attached to a faucet or garden hose. A small stream of water is sufficient to keep the sponge moist.





### Cane-Ukelele

A walking stick that can be converted instantly into a ukelele is the work of Morris Rothman, of Bayonne, N. J. shown with his invention at left and below.



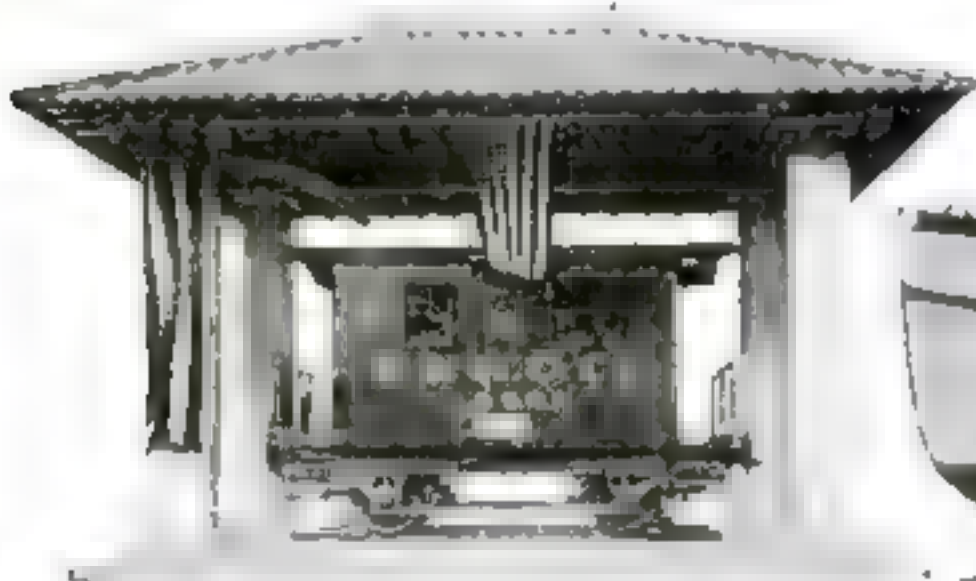
# Oddities Picked up

## Ukelele in Cane—Lifeboat on Wheels—



### Ship Knees from Giant Roots

One of the oldest of crafts is that of digging ship knees—the wooden supports formed from giant roots, that are used in reconstructing the stern and stern of a wooden ship. The photograph shows the largest ship knee ever dug, eight feet eight inches thick at base. It came from a Pacific Coast tree.



### Old Railway Caboose a Monument

A railway caboose makes strange monument, yet this one undoubtedly deserves such an honor. For in it, 41 years ago, was founded the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen. The historic car was placed recently in an artistic concrete and tile pagoda in Neahwa Park, Oneonta, N. Y.



### Lifeboat on Wheels Launches Itself

This self-launching lifeboat was the center of interest during recent tests at Cleethorpe, England. The motor that drives the propeller also drives the self-launching mechanism which consists of a pair of wheels beneath the hull. The boat is 40 feet long.

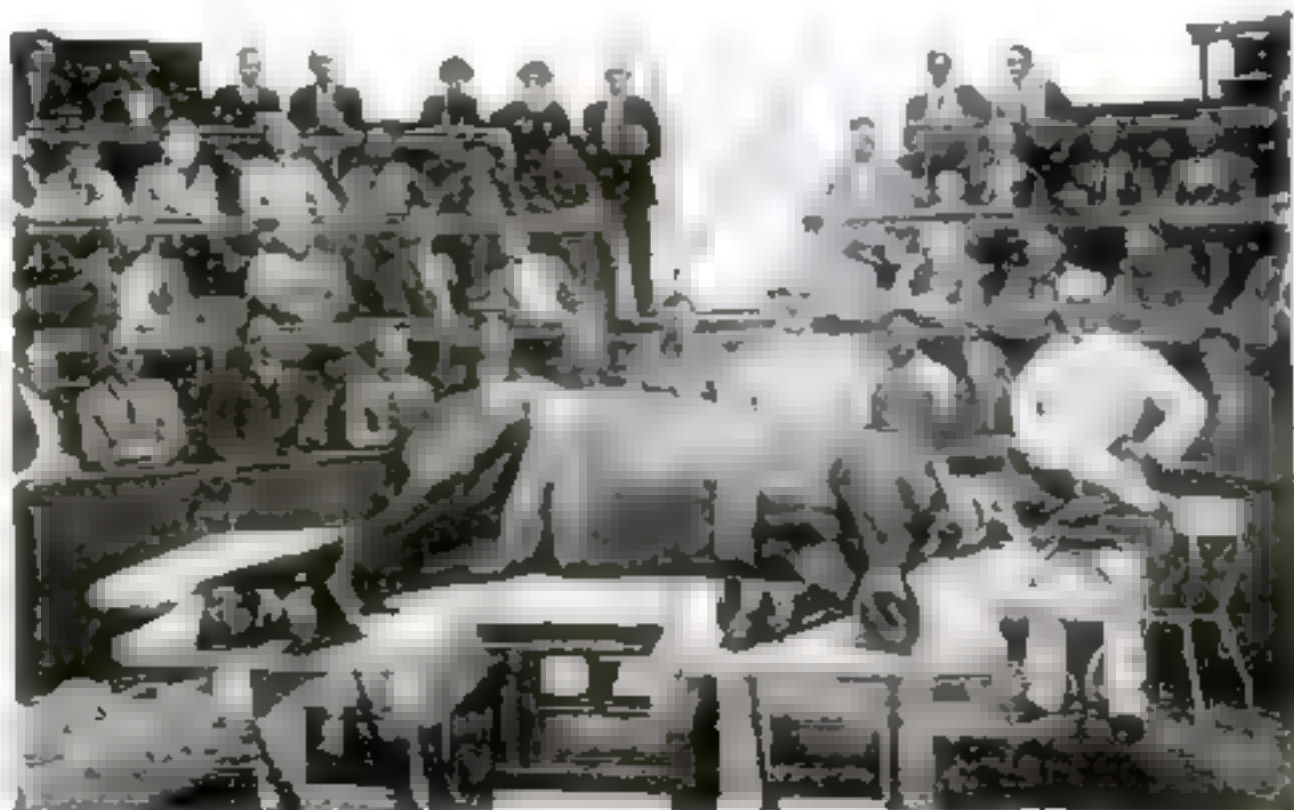
### Colonial Hammer

This quaint cobbler's hammer was used to shoe Washington's soldiers at Valley Forge.



### Operating on a Horse

An interested audience of veterinarians and farmers is shown at the right witnessing a demonstration operation at Purdue University, Indiana. The patient is a horse suffering from a polio, even a disease that necessitates a difficult operation. The animal is strapped and chained to the operating table. Horses that once had to be shot now find their way to hospitals where they often are cured and saved for more years of service.





# by the Camera Man

## Left-Handed Watch—Fireplace of Jewels



### A Fireplace Studded with Gems

Twenty-six different kinds of precious gems and metals are in the stones of a fireplace in the home of M. A. Barr, at Valley Forge, Pa. The central piece is a solid 300-pound lump of jasper. The stones were found recently on the farm of Mr. Barr, who is seen in the picture

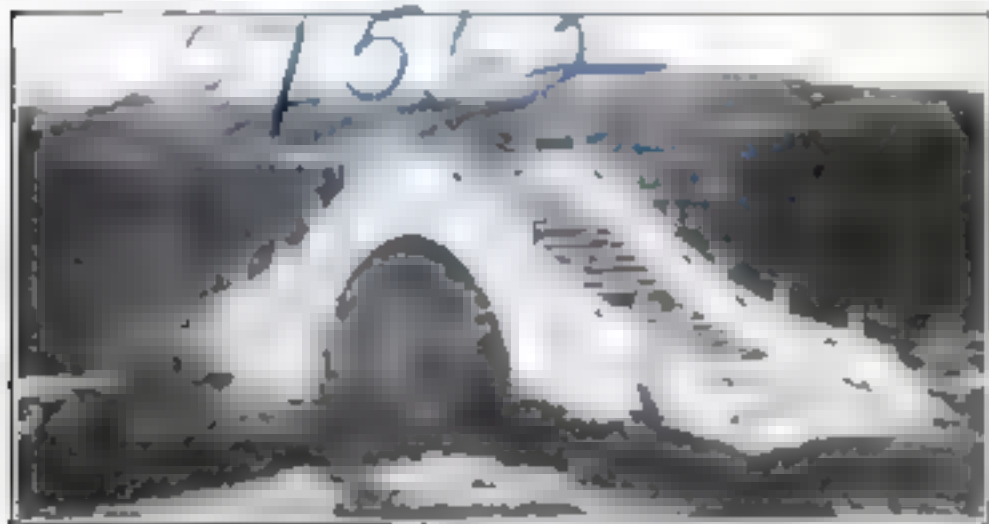
### Runs Backward

A left handed watch that runs backward is the work of Richard F. Mason, who is a jeweler of Columbus, Ohio



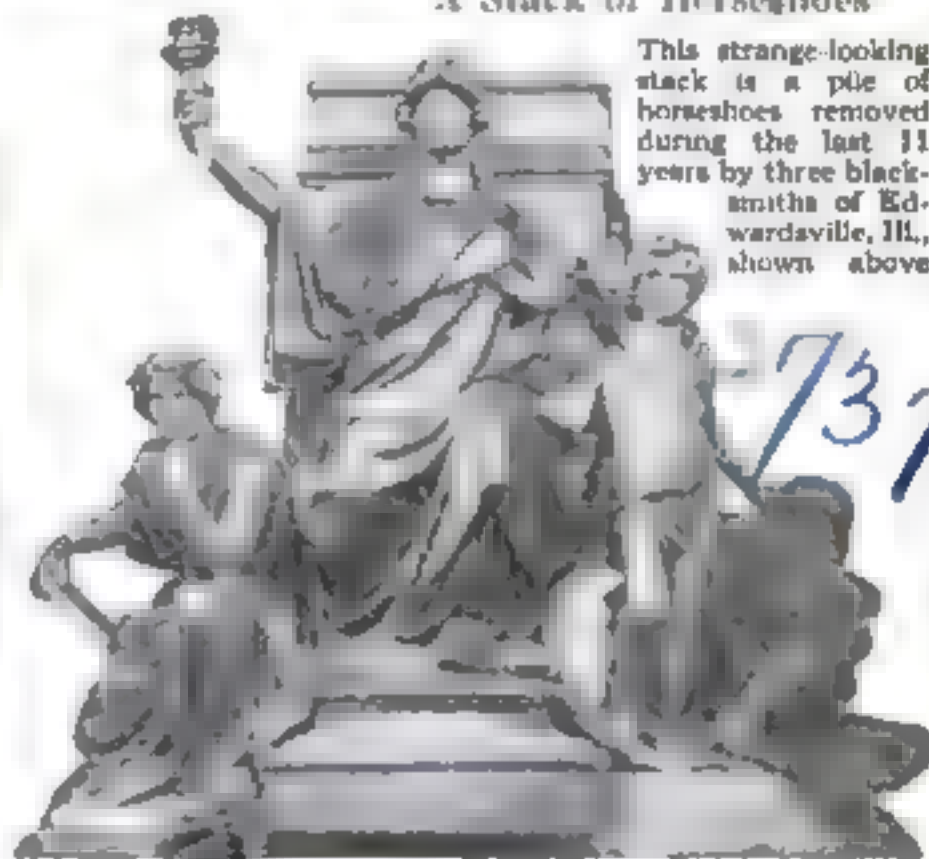
### A Stack of Horseshoes

This strange-looking stack is a pile of horseshoes removed during the last 11 years by three blacksmiths of Edwardsville, Ill., shown above



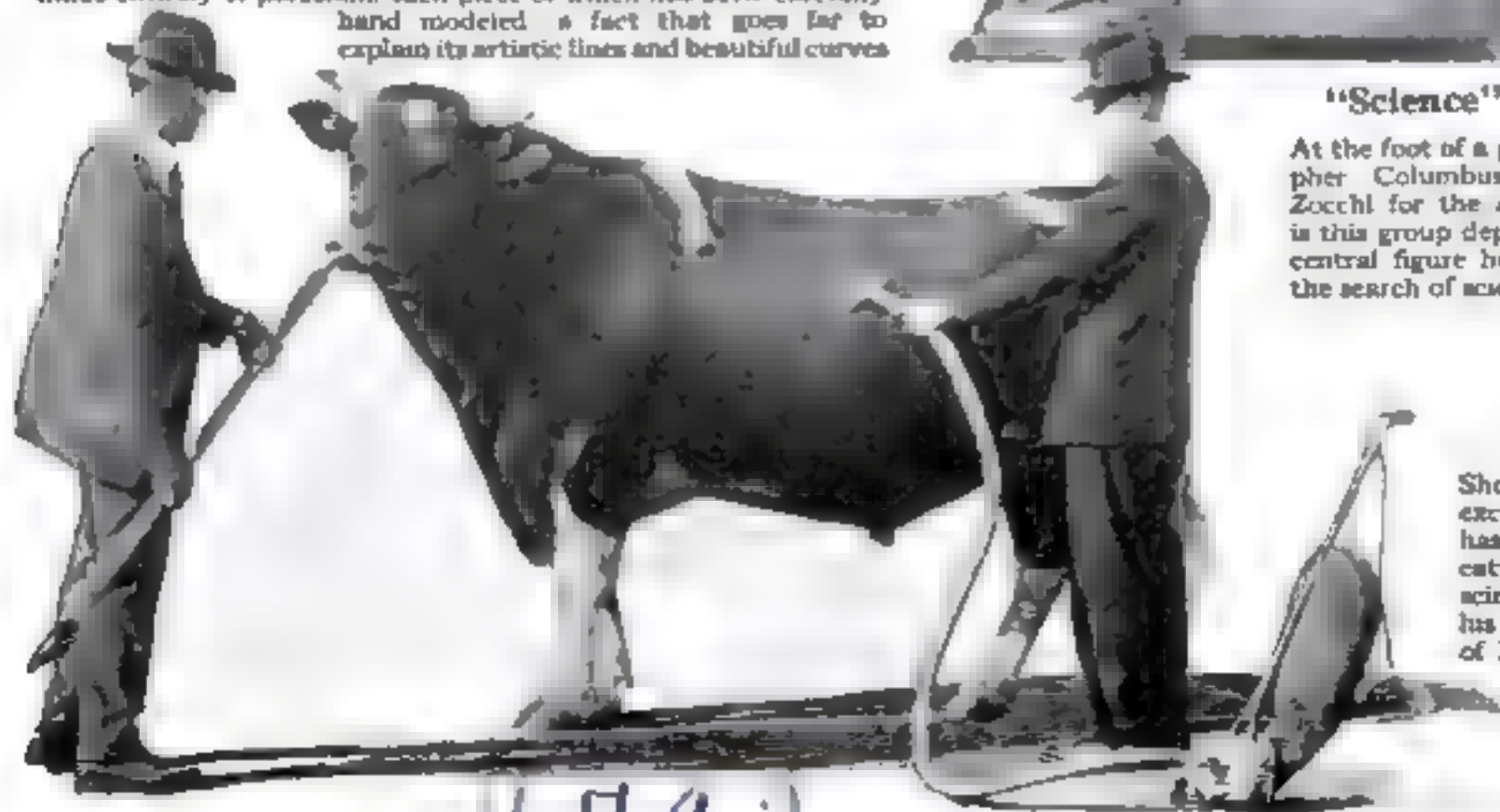
### China Has a Bridge of Porcelain

One of the world's most unusual bridges, near Peking, China, is made entirely of porcelain, each piece of which has been carefully hand modeled a fact that goes far to explain its artistic lines and beautiful curves



### "Science" in Sculpture

At the foot of a great statue of Christopher Columbus, made by Arnaldo Zocchi for the Argentine government, is this group depicting "Science." The central figure holds a lamp, depicting the search of scientists for hidden truth



### Cattle Cleaner

Show cattle always receive exceptional care. But it has remained for an Iowa cattleman to employ scientific dry cleaning on his animals. Before any of his herd enter a show or sales ring, the vacuum cleaner removes every speck of dust from their shining bodies

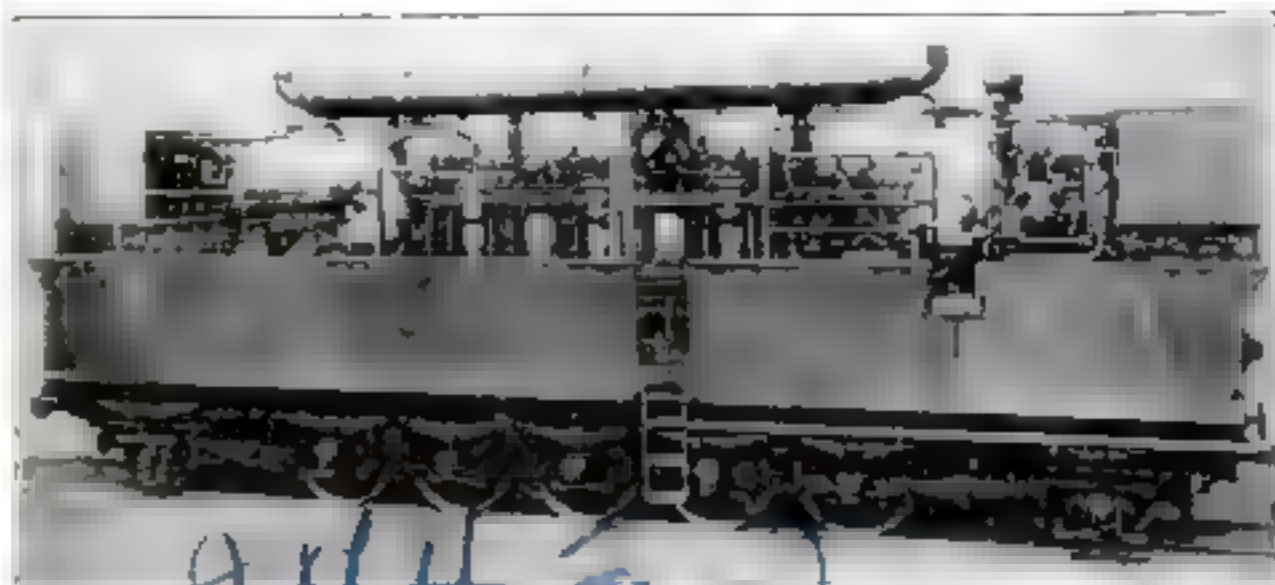




### Track-Laying Machine Aids in Railroad Building

THE size of railway gangs is said to be greatly reduced in southern Florida, where a contractor is completing a new construction outfit consisting of a locomotive and two flatbed loads with ties, and a motor-driven traveling crane. The traveler picks up the ties and rails in bunches and carries them to the road-bed in front, where workmen lay them.

## Ten Ingenious New Unusual Machines and Engines Built



### Diesel Engine Runs Electric Locomotive

DIETHELM, a company for a long time, European engineers have been striving for an efficient locomotive that would be run by other means than steam. Here is shown one of the newest designs, a Diesel electric locomotive built in Germany for negotiating more quickly and economically the vast stretches of territory on the Russian steppes.

The locomotive is equipped with powerful Diesel oil engines, which generate electric current to drive the locomotive. This transforms a railroad into an electric line.

### New Type of Lightship for New York Harbor

THE last word in lightship is the Five-Fathom Light, designed for duty off New York Harbor. The lightship is a small, fast vessel, equipped with a powerful radio beacon for protection of the great harbor's shipping.

This latest of Uncle Sam's coastal safeguards has a gross tonnage of 825, is 146 feet long, and has oil-burning engines.



### Electric Milk Truck Has Automatic Brakes

THE driver of this ingenious new electric milk wagon is in his own self-starter and brake. He stands on the running-board as he drives from house to house along his route. As soon as he jumps off freeing the platform of his weight, hydraulic brakes are applied automatically to the car.



### Milwaukee Railroad Plans to Electrify System

PLANS for electrifying the entire system of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway, operating lines throughout the West, are being formulated by officials of the road, according to recent reports. The Milwaukee already operates 860 miles of electrified road over the Cascades and Rocky Mountains.

The vast new project is said to have had its origin in an offer by Henry Ford to supply power for the railway system from his hydroelectric plant which is being completed on the banks of the Mississippi River at Minneapolis. To this plant the railroad has constructed a bridge across the Mississippi at a cost of \$3,000,000, and plans to handle the freight from Ford's accessory plants operated in connection with the electric power plant.

All terminal switching will be done by electric power when the project is completed.

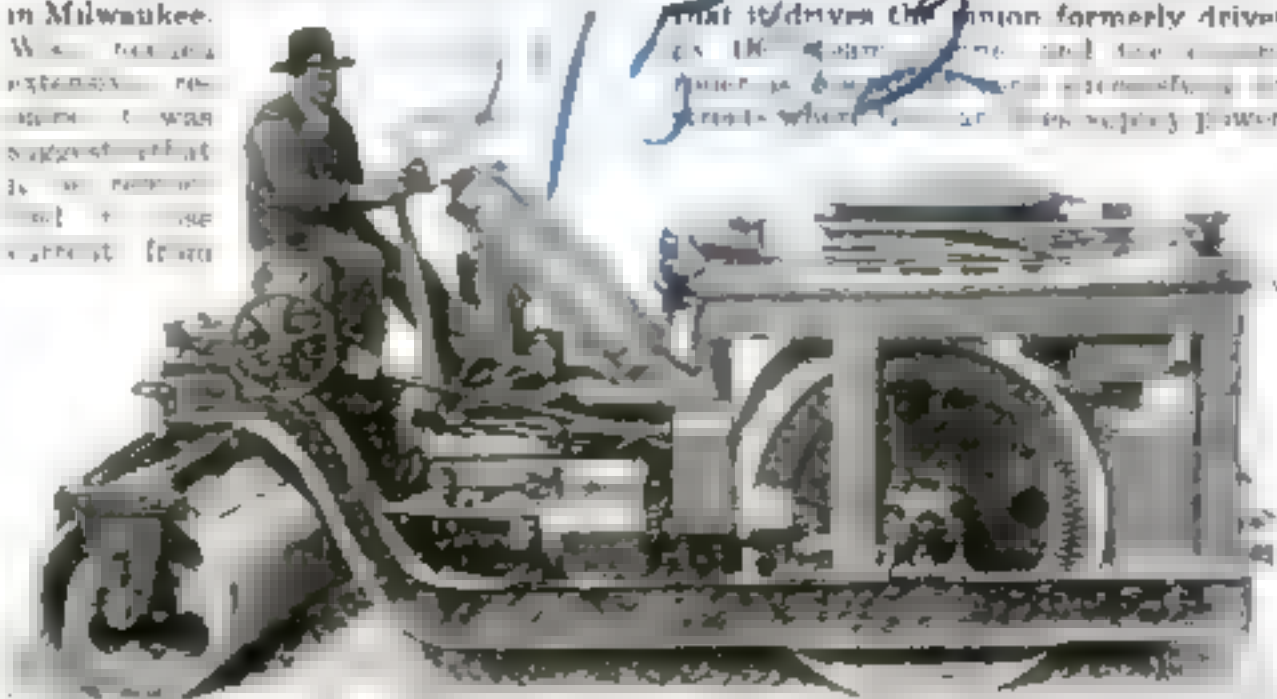
### Electricity Replaces Steam in Road Roller

WHEN a steam roller belonging to an electric railway and light company in Milwaukee.

When the roller was first used, it was suggested that it be run on electricity. The roller is now being used on the city streets.

trolley circuits operated by the firm.

The electric motor was mounted so that it drives the roller formerly driven by steam. The roller is now being used on the city streets.





# Products of Mechanics to Increase Our Every-Day Efficiency



## Twin Motors Drive Streamlined Hydroplane

THIS strange craft, shown lying at anchor on the Danube River, is a giant hydroplane of unusual design re-

cently built in Vienna, Austria, for W. D. McDaniel, an American. It is run by two giant six-cylinder motors driving four-bladed propellers. It is said to be capable of developing 100 horsepower and very great speed. By having a streamlined body and shallow draft, wind and water resistance are reduced to a minimum. A roomy passenger cabin is provided behind the sloping bow of the craft.

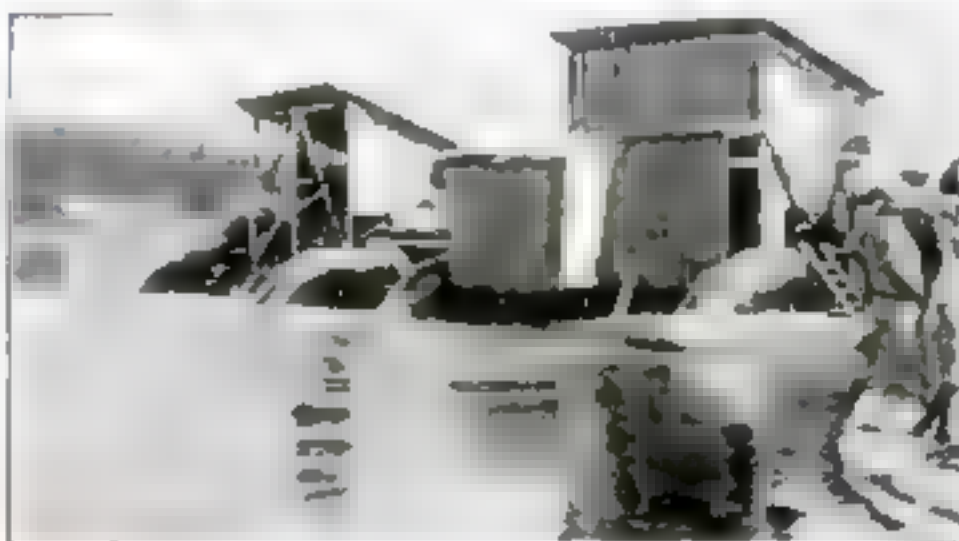
## Huge Transformers Built to Test Insulators



THESE huge step-up transformers, capable of producing electrical currents of more than 100,000 volts, are part of the equipment of an experimental laboratory recently completed, for the Ceramiques at Ivry, France.

The laboratory was built to test electrical apparatus designed to withstand high voltages, particularly porcelain insulators. Note size of transformers compared with the men.

## Pumps Pour Lake Water into Dry River-Bed



IN WESTERN Nevada, engineers, by means of five gigantic pumps, recently supplied a dry river-bed with water, thus providing for the irrigation of 12,000 acres of land and saving crops valued at more than \$200,000.

The pumps were installed when the level of scenic

Lake Tahoe sank so low that the natural overflow of water into the Truckee River stopped entirely. They were set about 300 feet out in the lake, in three feet of water, and have kept a continual flow of water, long over the lake rim into the dry river-bed, pumping from 115,000 to 120,000 gallons of water a minute.

Since they were placed in operation, the pumps have lowered the level of the lake more than two feet.

## May Revolutionize Motors

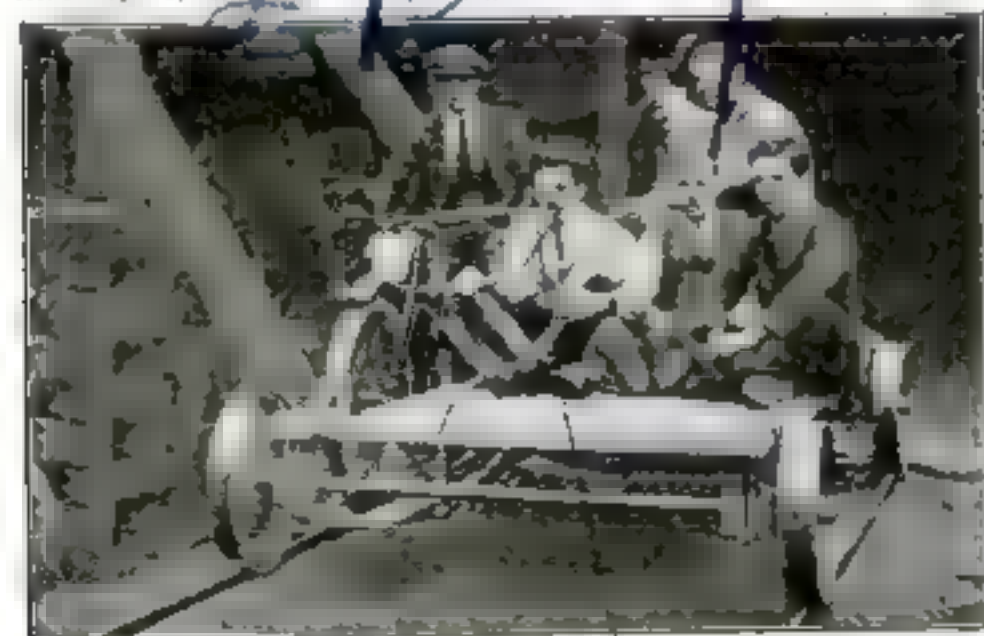
A GAS turbine engine that, it is claimed, may revolutionize automobile and aircraft motors is being perfected by French engineers. It is said to combine the advantages of the explosive gas motor and the turbine engine.

Recent tests at the Army of the Forest Air Service, are reported to have given complete satisfaction, the engine turning smoothly at the rate of 1500 revolutions a minute.

## Odd Railway Car Propelled by Motorcycle

A NOVEL railroad inspection car, propelled by a motorcycle, was constructed recently in India. When the motorcycle, fitted with an eight-horsepower engine, is required for use off the track, it can be detached from the truck in a few minutes.

When driving the truck, the cycle is carried on a small platform slightly lower than the truck platform at one side. The wheels rest in cradles shaped to fit the tires. After the cycle is in position, the driving chain is removed from the sprocket on the rear wheel and attached to a sprocket on the truck, and the truck becomes a power car.





## "John," a 150-Pound Dummy, Tests Air-Mail Parachutes



**U**NDER the fuselage of the airplane shown in the above photograph hangs "John," a 150-pound dummy, who has made more parachute jumps than any other member of the government flying personnel. The full-sized dummy is used to test thoroughly scores of parachutes recently put on for air-mail pilots who must fly often in extreme winter conditions.

At the Lake City air-mail field in a line of operations an army plane conducts the tests in which "John" is put through a grueling series of parachute jumps. At an altitude of 3500 feet the dummy is cut loose, descending from a unique releasing device under the fuselage. If the parachutes pass the tests with the dummy they are considered safe.

A new record for slowest flying was established recently by Captain Leprieu, a French naval officer, who piloted a specially designed machine at a speed of only 31 1/4 miles an hour.

## Smallest Airplane Weighs Only 221 Pounds

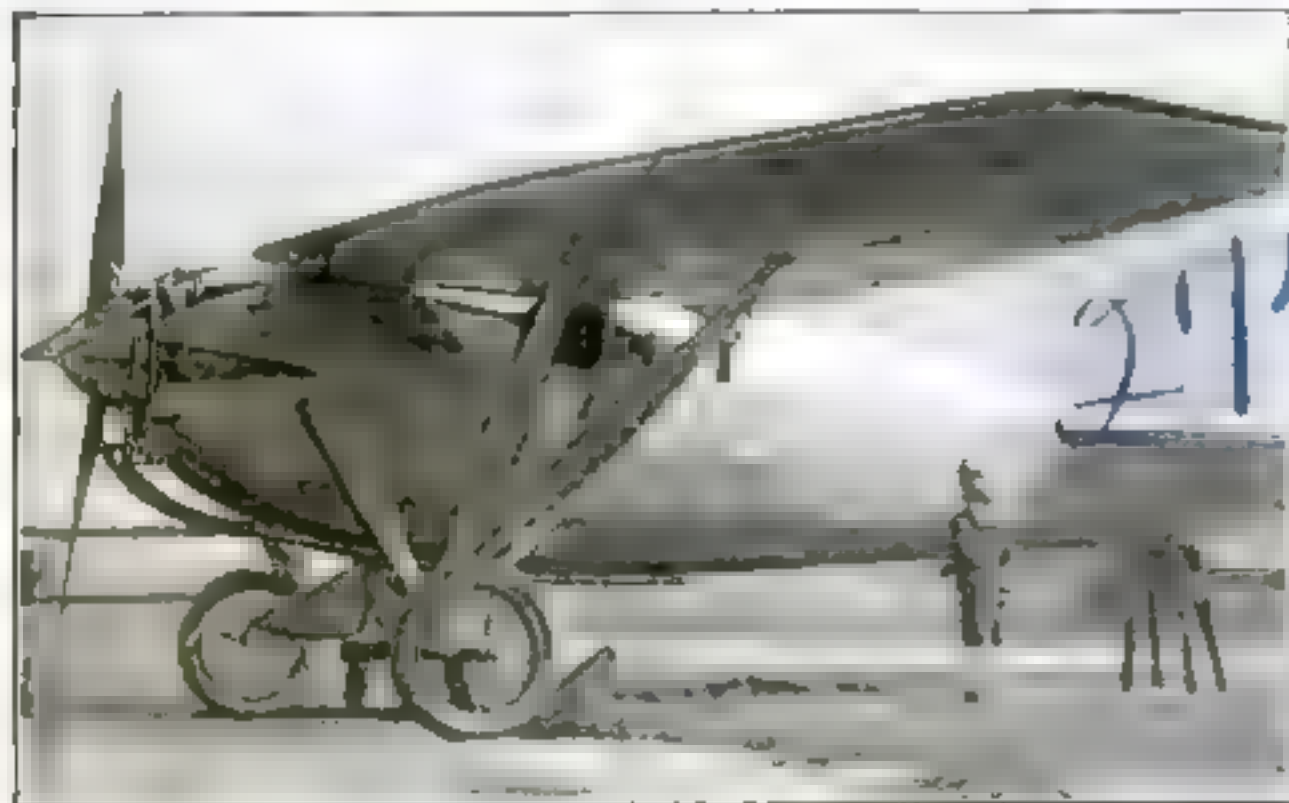
**H**ERE is what experts have described as the smallest airplane in the world. It is a machine of unusual design and construction, and is a real test of the limits of what a man can do with a small plane. It is a machine of unusual design and construction, and is a real test of the limits of what a man can do with a small plane.

The "Hummer" weighs only 221 pounds. It has a spread of 17 feet, goes 75 miles an hour and makes about 10 miles to the gallon.



The "Hummer," with its owner and builder, Bert Mitz

## Homemade Metal Monoplane with Folding Wings Fits in Garage



The homemade monoplane at Logan Field, Md., following successful test flights. The plane was constructed entirely of duralumin. The wings can be folded for storing the plane.

**A** HOMEMADE all-metal monoplane of duralumin, built in a back yard with comparatively crude tools, can be folded to fit in a garage. The designer, W. H. A. Boyd, of Baltimore, Md., did not know how to fly, nor did his father, nor his brother, C. M. Boyd.

Boyd's brother, C. M. Willinger tried out the plane at Logan Field recently with great success. On two occasions he flew to an altitude of 2000 feet, and made a speed of 40 miles an hour.

The new monoplane, 40, made rising from the ground difficult, but this is to be remedied by installing a larger motor.

A feature of the construction of the plane is the absence of bracing wires. Made entirely of duralumin, the plane weighs only 221 pounds and has a wing spread of 17 feet. By removing two pins on each of the wings, they can be folded so that the plane can be stored or shipped easily. When folded, it is only seven feet wide. It can be knocked down in 15 minutes.

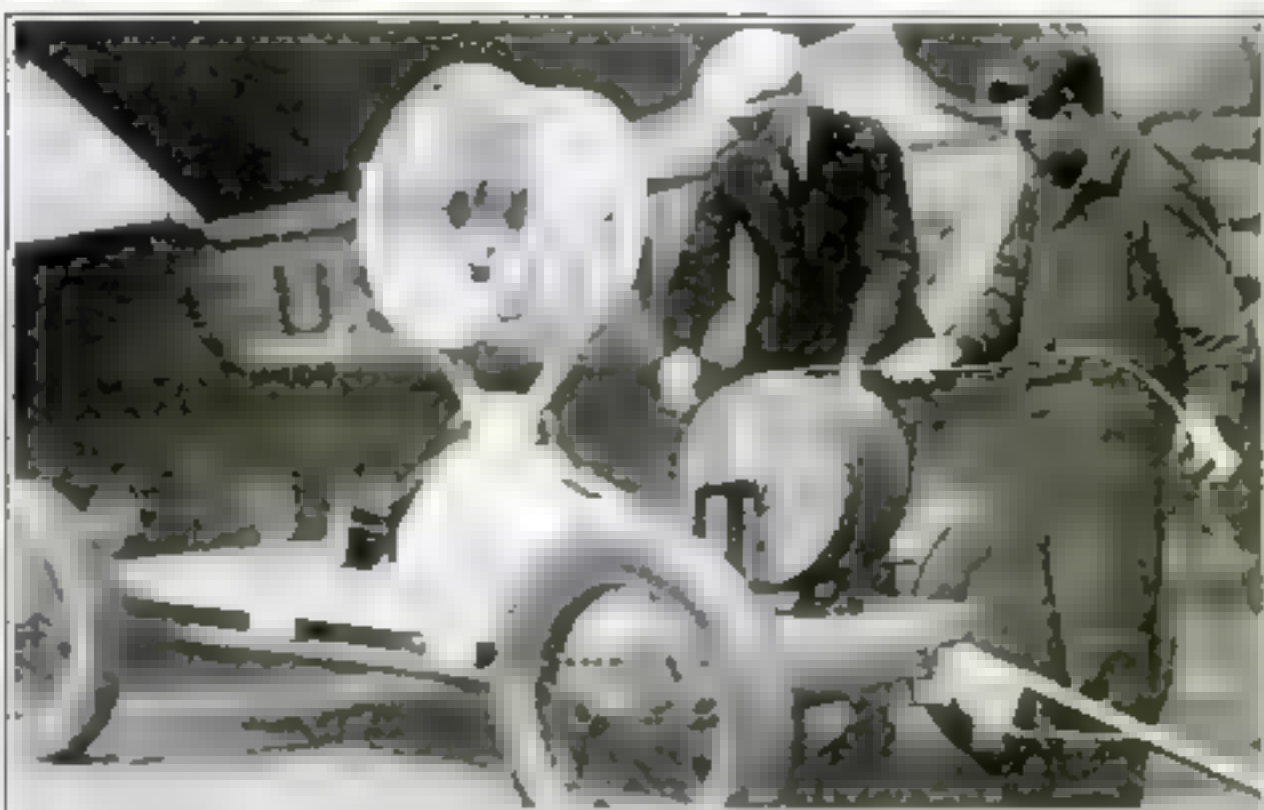


## Powerful Portable Searchlights Guide Air-Mail Fliers

**T**O AID United States air-mail pilots in making night landings, new portable searchlights recently have been installed at Crissy Field, San Francisco. On clear nights, it is said that pilots can see the piercing rays of these 450-million-candlepower lights when they are from 100 to 150 miles distant. The lights have 36-inch lenses.

Since the inauguration of night flying in the mail service, which has meant great economy to business in the United States on account of time saved in correspondence, many types of electric beacons have been tried out, some on high towers. The new portable type is expected to prove especially valuable since it can be moved about on the landing-field under varying conditions to the position most helpful to the landing planes.

To accomplish this, each searchlight is mounted on a wooden platform supported on a low metal frame with four automobile wheels. Hundreds of feet of cable that carries the current from power source to the light is wound on a reel at one end of the truck. This cable is paid out or reeled in as the searchlight is wheeled from one position to another.



The new portable searchlight, showing the reel that carries the electric feed line.

In the photograph above are seen two United States air-mail employees testing one of the lights at Crissy Field.

## British Government Orders Two Giant Airships

**F**OLLOWING a recent decision to redevelop airship transportation in England, the British government has just ordered the first of two giant dirigibles, each of 6,000,000 cubic feet capacity, for transportation of passengers and freight. One of the ships, it is understood, will fly on regular schedule from England to Egypt and India.

The cost of the first ship, it is estimated, will be about \$1,000,000. Its length will be 695 feet and its greatest diameter 122 feet. The contract specifies that the structure and other fixed weights must not exceed 80 tons. Its range will be 2500 miles, and it will be capable of carrying 120 passengers and 10 tons of freight. Beside 30 two-berth cabins along the sides of the vessel, there will be a smoking-room, a lounge large enough to dance in, a kitchen, and quarters for a crew of 40.

## Air Freighter Carries a 2700-Pound Cargo



**A**ERIAL freight-carrying planes are definitely to have outgrown the possibility of being "sky cars" which run regularly between London and Paris, transporting perishable products and goods to fill special orders. It carries a cargo of 2700 pounds, or nearly 1½ tons.

The photograph shows how the airplane freighter is loaded.

## Aviator Builds Baby Monoplane and Flies to Height of 1800 Feet

**A** REMARKABLE new type of small, baby monoplane was completed recently by Edward F. Allen, a test pilot of Washington, D. C., who recently attained in it a height of 1800 feet.

Experts believe that one of the next important steps in aviation will be a small inexpensive plane that can be kept in a garage and flown in a yard. This little plane is a step toward

that goal. It is equipped with a nine-horsepower motor, a 100-horsepower engine, and weighs only 275 pounds with a wing spread of 20 feet. It can make 60 miles an hour.



Edward F. Allen, wartime test pilot for the U. S. Army Air Service, is the cockpit of the baby monoplane of his own construction.



# A Dozen and One New

## Ingenious Inventions and Automatic Machines



### Seals Letters Automatically

Driven by electricity, this machine stamps and seals letters. The letters are fed in at the top and deposited in the receiving rack.



### Opens Cartons in Three Strokes

Three motions with a new carton cutter open fiber or corrugated pasteboard boxes quickly. A sharp cutting blade projecting from the tool is so shaped that it readily adjusts itself to the edges of the box.



### Pencil Clip Is Knife

A little pocket device that will be found convenient for many office uses serves as a clip to hold the pencil in the pocket, and as a keen two-edged knife for sharpening pencils, cutting string, or erasing ink. It answers the purposes of a pocket-knife besides serving as a pen or lead-pencil clip.

### Ten Stamps in One

Ten different stamps of from one, two, three lines each are available in this metal self-inking device.

### Phone Lock

With a padlock hanging down by a chain, the receiver is always ready for use. The lock prevents the phone from being used in his absence.



### Pencil Calculator

A calculator that can be slipped on any pencil at right angles is operated by twisting a small wheel. The results are shown on a scale.

### Typewriter-Punch

By means of electrical connections from the keys of a typewriter to a power punch, the left end of the punch tabular is controlled, with an extra operator for the punch.





# Ideas for Busy Offices

Designed to Save Valuable Time and Labor



## Motor-Driven Eraser

In drafting or other work that requires much erasing, an electric power eraser will be found convenient. The complete unit, consisting of motor and eraser, weighs less than two pounds. It is said to be able to remove a period without touching surrounding copy. Correct pressure for erasing is obtained without the possibility of rubbing through.



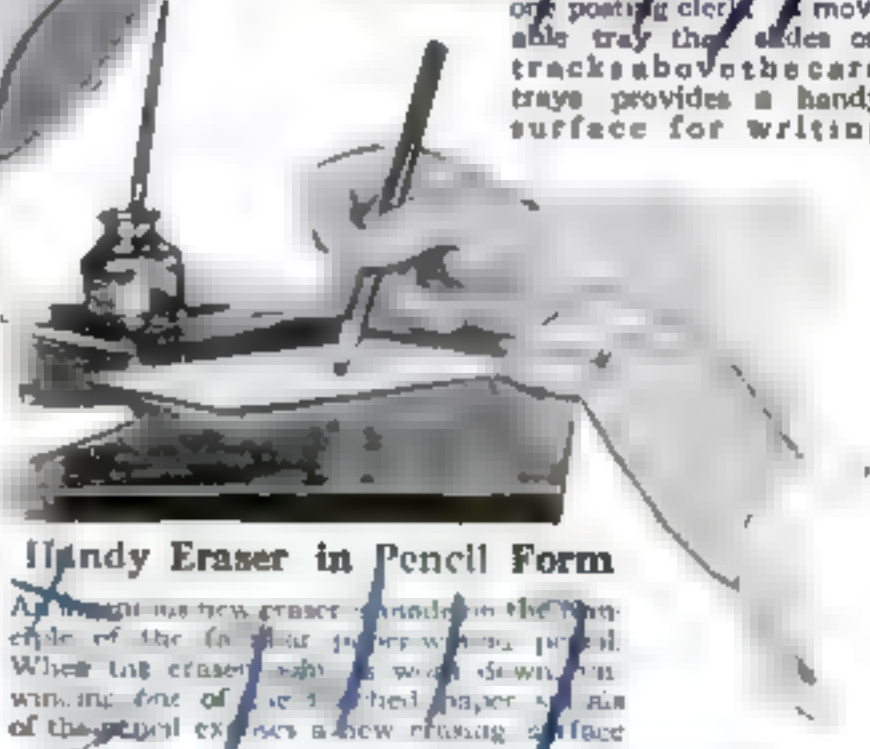
## Compact Posting Desk

For keeping a large number of record cards in a small space, under fire protection, this posting ledger desk recently was designed. It concentrates from 8000 to 15,000 cards within easy reach of one posting clerk. A movable tray that slides on tracks above the card trays provides a handy surface for writing.



## Pocket Check Protector

A checkbook with its own check protector attached inside the cover contains checks that have specially treated, semi-transparent "windows." These are placed over movable rows of raised numerals that can be arranged in the desired combination. A locking device then is lowered on the check and a roller is pushed across the window, making an indelible impression of the amount.



## Handy Eraser in Pencil Form

An ingenious new eraser is made on the principle of the familiar paper-wiping pencil. When the eraser is pushed down, the wiping line of the sheet of paper and rim of the pencil expose a new erasing surface.

## For Adding Fractions

The calculating device shown at the right is a fractional adding machine designed for use where fractional numbers are encountered, such as in architectural and engineering work. It adds feet, inches and fractions of inches, always reducing them to their simplest form and with the results instantly visible. The instrument, containing four dials, is operated by the use of a steel stylus.



## Convenient Locker

An economical new type of metal locker is said to provide storage for workers' hats and coats in half the space usually required. A small compartment at the top is for hats and small packages, lunchbox, or a book.



# Automobile Ferries Relieve Traffic Jam on Hudson



UNTIL the vehicular tunnel now under construction under the Holland Tunnel is completed, all automobiles passing between New York and New Jersey have to be carried across the river on ferries.

On some days, especially holidays, the number of cars waiting for transportation on the New Jersey side is more than a mile long. To lessen the traffic congestion and en-

able automobile commuters to get to work on time, a new type of ferry-boat that carries only automobiles has been put in operation. The photograph shows one of these boats carrying a load of cars.



## Wood Model of Locomotive in Banquet Hall

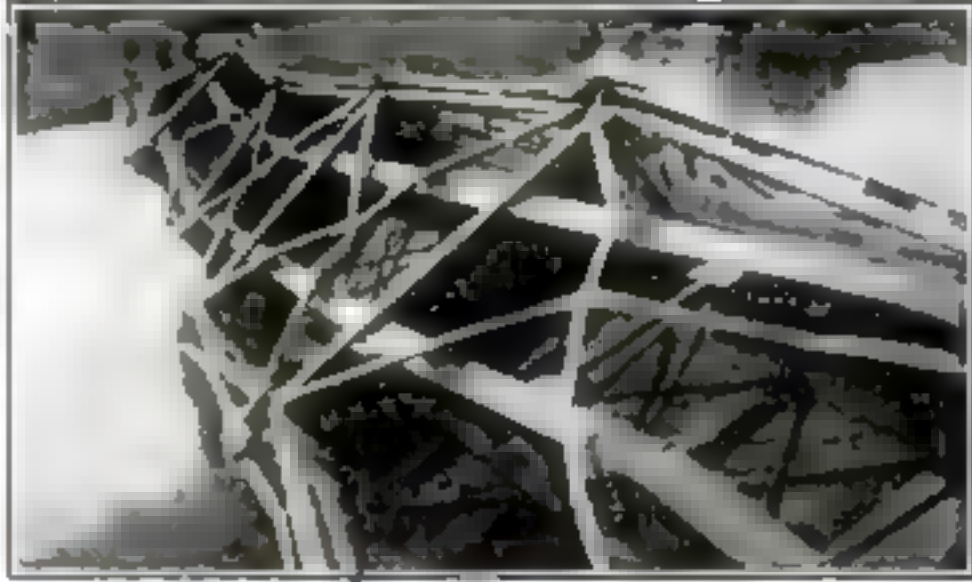
TO PROVIDE appropriate decoration for a banquet of railroad officials in the Chateau Frontenac at Quebec, Canada, recently a full size wooden model of a fast passenger locomotive was constructed and set up in the banquet room. The model represented the locomotive as emerging from the Connaught Tunnel, one of the greatest engineering undertakings on the North American continent. The model was an exact replica in even the smallest particulars.

## Your Questions Answered

AS A special service to readers, the Information Department of POPULAR SCIENCE MONTHLY will answer all reasonable questions on general science, mechanics, and radio. Write your questions as briefly as possible and inclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.

## Steel Bridge Collapses in Tornado's Path

WE MAY boast that we have a civilized nature, but when a natural force displays its power we soon have to admit our weakness. Near Wichee, Wis., a bridge constructed of steel, a river made of steel to withstand fire, the force of the current, and the wear of traffic, it should have lasted for centuries.



But a tornado came along, and in its path the bridge collapsed as if it were cardboard. Is it any wonder that men and women will have the same fear of these terrible weather storms as did the savages of the dark ages?

## Schoolhouse Moved Seven Miles by Water

TAKING a schoolhouse off by land floating it down the river and towing it seven miles to a new location was the

most feat accomplished recently by a Seattle firm of contractors. The schoolhouse originally was situated on the shores of Lake Washington, adjoining Seattle. With powerful winches and screwjacks operated simultaneously, the building was raised off the ground and skidded on rollers into a large barge. Two tugs then towed the school through Lake Washington Canal and the locks shown in the illustration, to Puget Sound.



The schoolhouse passing through locks of Lake Washington Canal

The school arrived undamaged.



## Mammoth New Defense Gun in Public Demonstration



**T**HE size of this mammoth coast defense gun could not fail to impress the crowds that gathered to watch its demonstration a short time ago at the

Army Proving Ground, Aberdeen, Md. The bore of the gun, which is seen plainly in the photograph, is 14 inches, one of the largest in use in America.

Contrasting this great machine with coast defense guns of even a few years ago, one can appreciate the amazing progress made in designing heavy artillery.

## Wisconsin Youth Drives the Smallest Sedan



The budget sedan and its driver posed beside a Ford

A **SMALL** boy in A. Iwackee, Wis., is driving what is said to be the smallest passenger-carrying sedan now on the streets. There is more difference between his car and the Ford coupe beside it than there is between a Ford and a Rolls Royce. But it is a truly nice, gets its tires punctured and its engine out of order just like bigger cars.

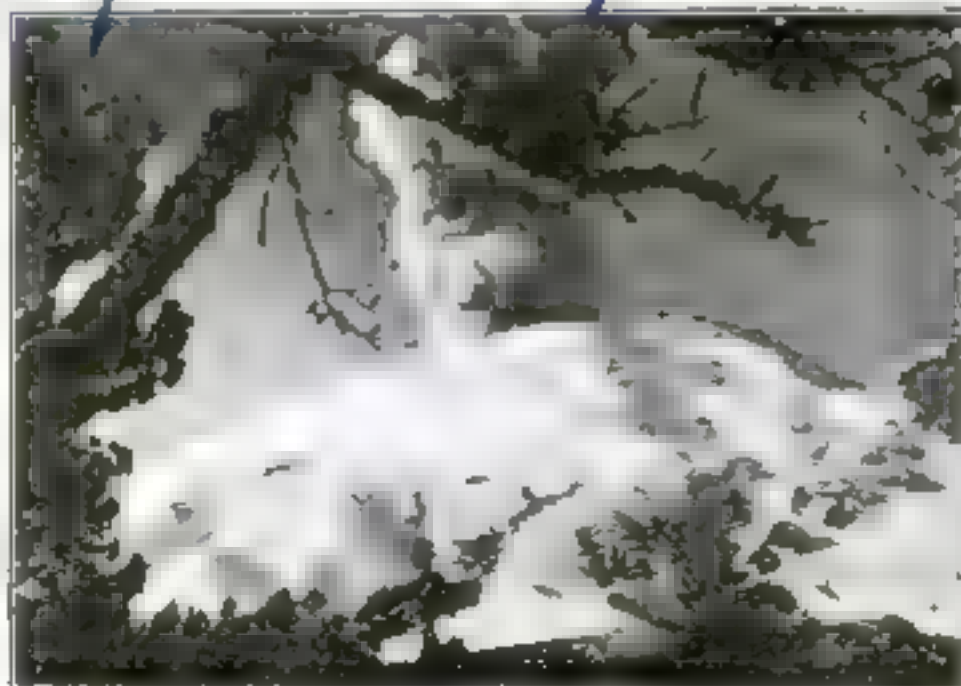
## America's Most Active Volcano in Eruption

**T**HIS most recent photograph of Mt. Popocatepetl shows the most active volcano peak in the North American continent in action. The Aztec name of this strange peak means "smoke and fire mountain."

Located near Puebla, in Mexico, it is sometimes called by tourists who cannot remember the spelling of the real name, the "Puebla volcano." It is the second highest summit in Mexico, rising to a height of nearly 18,000 feet, about 4000 feet higher than Pike's Peak in Colorado. The last 8000 feet of ascent must be made on foot because of

ashes and heat. On the dome, the heat is intense and the reflection of light from the snow is blinding.

At the foot of one of its slopes is a vast lava field.



Remarkable photograph of Mt. Popocatepetl in action



## The Loftiest Point Ever Photographed on Earth

**T**HIS photograph of the summit of invincible Mount Everest was snapped with a small hand camera at an altitude of 28,000 feet, the highest point on earth at which a picture ever has been taken. It was taken during the ill-fated attempt last year to scale the summit of the world's highest peak.

Colonel E. F. Norton, leader of the expedition, is seen at the left center. He was only 80 feet away from the camera, but it took him an hour to negotiate this distance because of extreme exhaustion and difficult footing.

The cone-shaped peak appears in the distance. It is only 300 yards away.



# The Wilson Dam at Muscle Shoals



**T**HIS magnificent new photograph of the Wilson Dam at Muscle Shoals shows the full breadth of the immense project by which the world's greatest

power dam will create the "Niagara of the South." The dam, nearly a mile long and 112 feet high, and when completed will harness the Tennessee River to sup-

ply turbines capable of generating 600,000 horsepower.

Construction of the Wilson Dam was started during the World War to supply

## Harnessing the Small Streams for Power

**R**APID strides are being made toward successfully utilizing the power that may be derived from small streams. Two of the newest machines designed for this

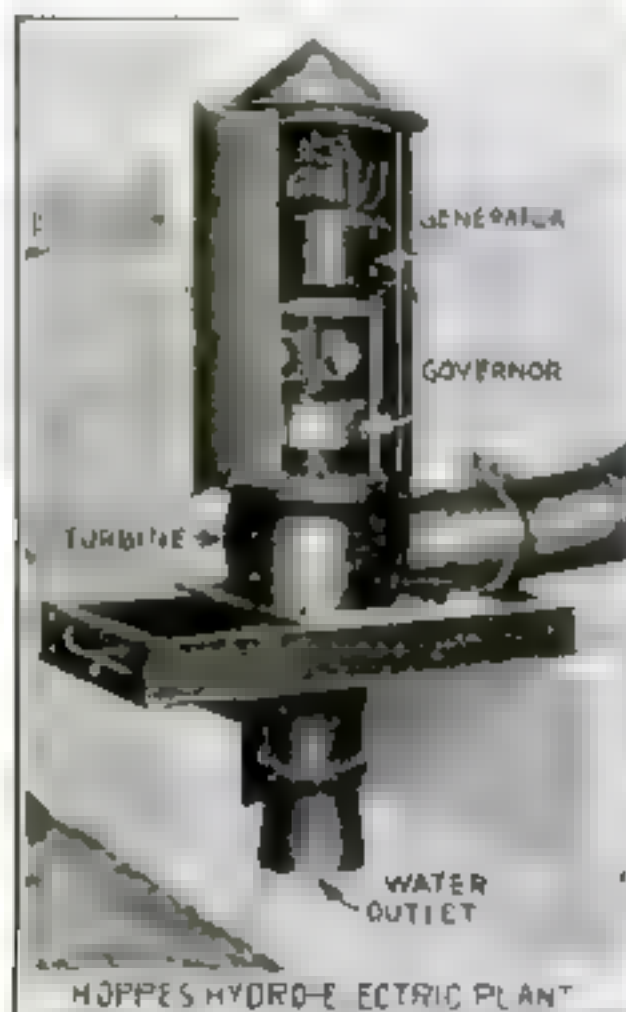
purpose are shown in these pictures.

The device in the upper illustration may be operated from nothing larger than a spillway. It is a complete power unit in itself, consisting of turbine, generator, and governor housed in one cylindrical metal casing. It is of the high speed propeller type, running up to 200 revolutions a minute. The vertical shaft is connected with a propeller which is driven by the water striking its blades. The propeller is geared to a generator.

The feature of this machine is the self-contained governor, which controls the speed by regulating the amount of water entering.

The second machine shown below may be built to suit the conditions of any stream, its designers claim. It consists of a series of cranks, each with a paddle that operates the cranks when the water strikes against them.

Any number of units may be employed. For irrigation purposes a pressure pump is added that allows the water to be lifted for distribution over wide areas.



Two types of power units for small streams—A turbine generator (above) and paddle system.



## A Perilous Job—Painting the Brooklyn Bridge

**G**IVING Brooklyn Bridge its annual coat of paint is a job full of peril for the men who must cling like spiders to the giant steel web. As long as the great bridge stretches across the East River, connecting the Island of Manhattan with Brooklyn, painters will have to risk their lives once a year to prevent the cables from rusting.

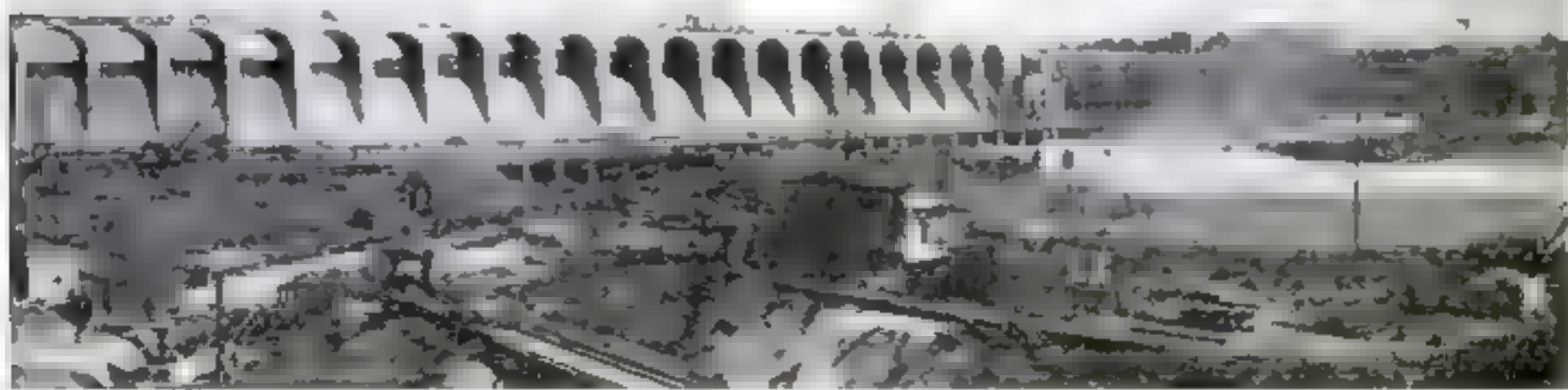
The photograph was taken by a dare-devil photographer from one of the high towers on the bridge. The view of the street cars crossing on the bridge below gives an idea of the dizzy height from which the camera was snapped.

## What Do You Want to Know?

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# —A Future “Niagara of the South”



Courtesy Engineering View Service

power for a great nitrate plant for the manufacture of explosives. When it was one-third completed at a cost of \$17,000,000, work on it ceased. Its comple-

tion will mean that the Southern States will have a water power plant second only to Niagara, and one of the greatest agricultural and industrial assets in the United

States. It also may make possible the peacetime operation of a fertilizer plant that may revolutionize farming in the South and East.

## How Everest Climbers Bridged Treacherous Chasms

AT THE highest altitudes ever reached on earth, members of the recent Mount Everest Expedition crept across crevasses of inconceivable depth on the rungs of a portable ladder. Of the many unusual bridges in the world there is probably none possessing strength as great for its weight as the remarkable ladder bridge carried by those daring explorers.

The bridge was made specially by an English firm for use at an altitude of 24,000 feet and upward. In view of the difficulties of transport at this tremendous height, it was essential that it should be extremely light and easily carried. To meet these requirements it was constructed of hollow wooden spars, put together with hinges in three sections, each of which could be used as a separate

unit. Extended full length the bridge measured 18 feet and weighed only 45 pounds.

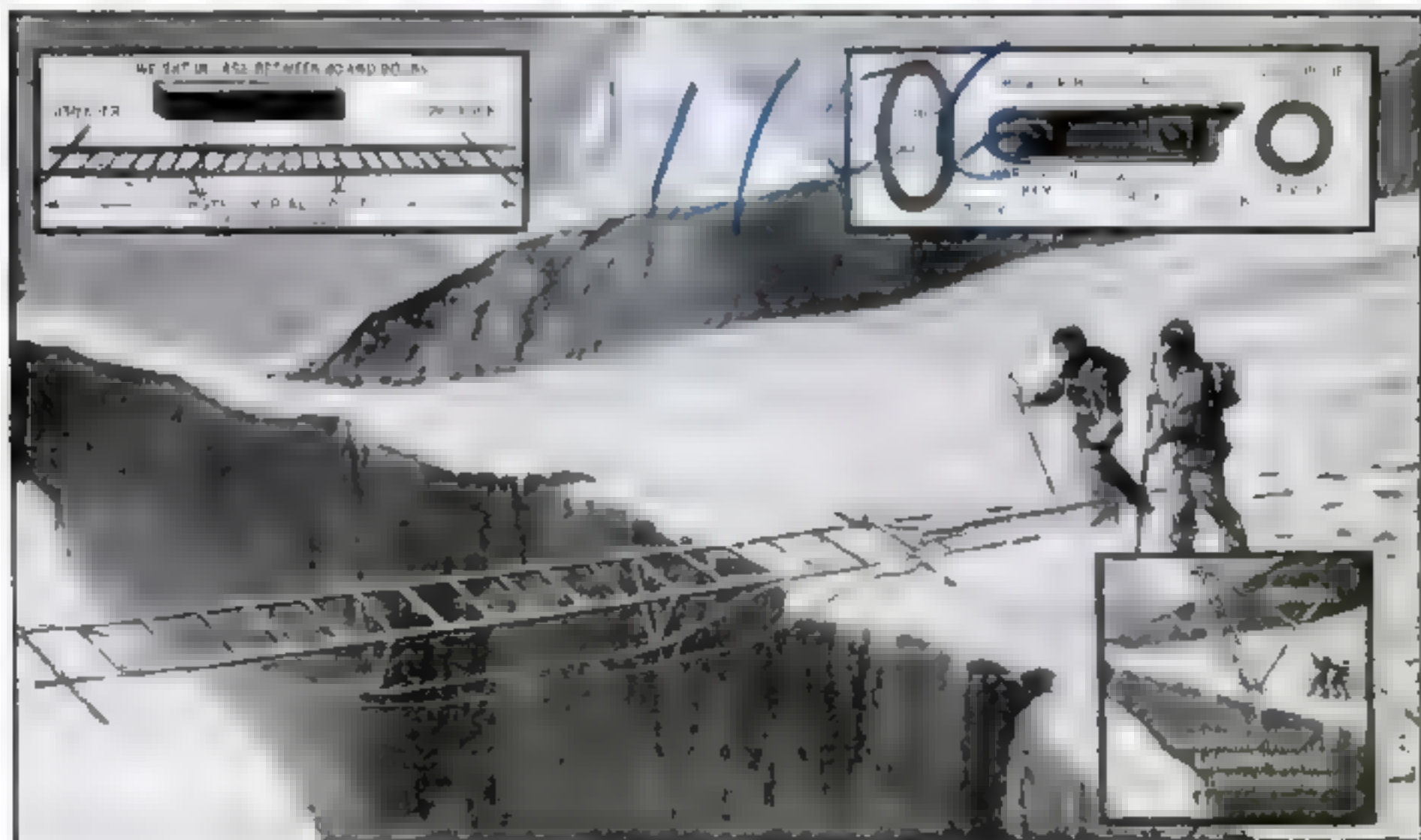
Adjustable spreaders of hollow spar were provided at each end of the bridge to give a firm footing surface in the snow or ice, while a light hollow derrick was used to lower the structure safely across a chasm. The walls of the hollow bridge rails were barely one-quarter of an inch thick, while those of the rungs were not more than three-sixteenths of an inch thick.

Stretched at full length, the bridge could support two fully equipped climbers, and when used in an upright position as a ladder, each rung was strong enough to support a concentrated weight of 300 pounds. This great strength was due to

the direction of the grain and the system of layers of wood of which the hollow sticks were made. The same principle is being applied in the construction of hollow spars for racing yachts and for airplanes.

Shore wood is sawed into planks less than one-quarter inch thick, then bent around steam-heated mandrels to the form of cylinders. The bent planks then are built in the requisite number of layers round a wooden core and the layers glued together with water-tight glue.

When the core is withdrawn, there remains a hollow spar that is far superior in strength and weather-resisting properties to a solid stick. Proportioned correctly, a hollow spar of one-third the weight is as strong as a solid spar of the same size.



How the remarkably light portable bridge was used to cross treacherous chasms. The insets show construction and operation.



# What Inventors Are Adding

Many New and Useful Accessories Are Designed to Save

A new tire gage of the dial type, resembling a watch, has a carved neck that permits easy access to the valve stem on all types of wheels. The crystal of this new pressure gage is unbreakable.



Smoking in comfort while driving is made possible with this extension tube. The cigarette holder has a hook by which it is fastened to the windshield.

This automatic carburetor control operating on the pressure principle, which knows the needs of the engine, warns up the effect of the carburetor. The device is attached easily.



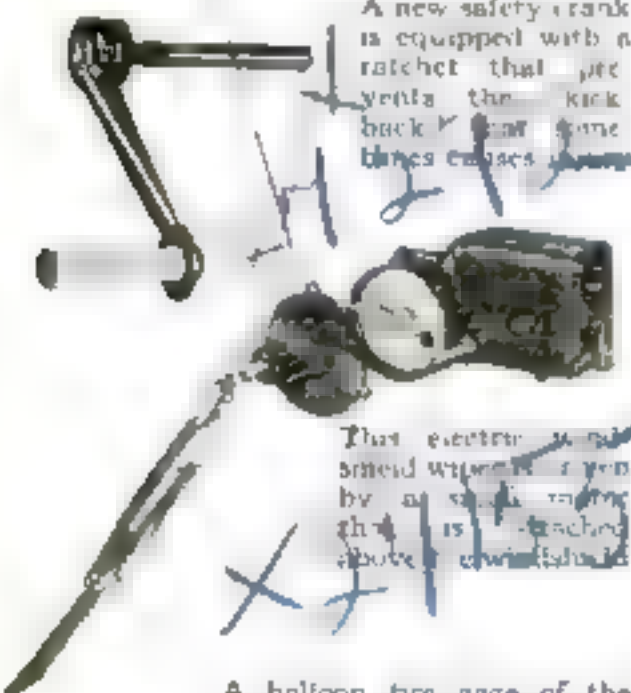
A combination anti-glare shield and rear view mirror attached above the windshield is of semi-transparent material. Swung upward against a dark background, it serves as a looking glass.



Placing the spare tire is accomplished with a new self-acting crank, simply by pulling a handle. A catch holds the wheel in place when lift is completed.



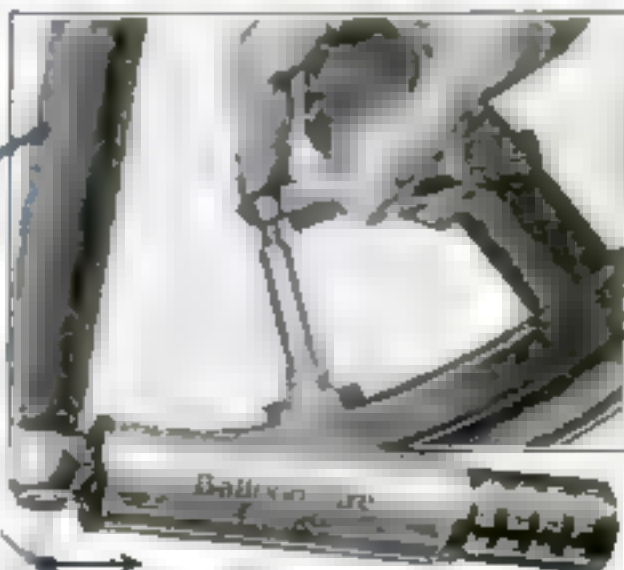
When the motorist shuts off his engine, the parking wheel is locked instantly by the device, which is attached to the wheel. No need to unlock it.



A new safety crank is equipped with a ratchet that prevents the kick back that sometimes causes damage.

This electric wind shield wiper is run by a switch, making it easy to attach to the windshield.

A balloon tire gage of the projecting piston type is designed with the nipple at the side, allowing greater clearance while testing air pressure.



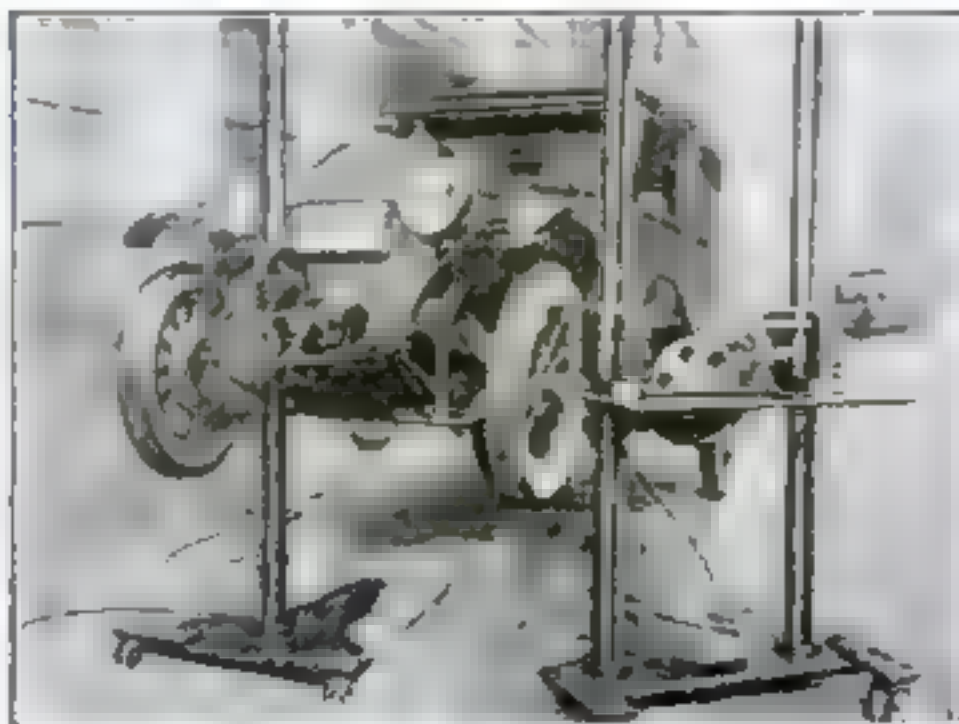
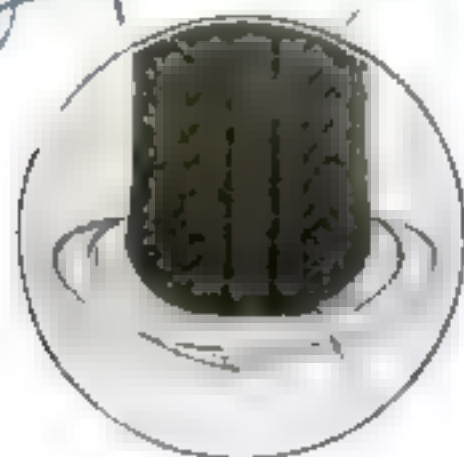
To detect auto-engine noises, a newly invented stethoscope is so sensitive that any irregularities in the ticking of a watch can be heard very plainly.



# to the Motorists' Enjoyment

## Labor and Make Your Car More Efficient and Convenient

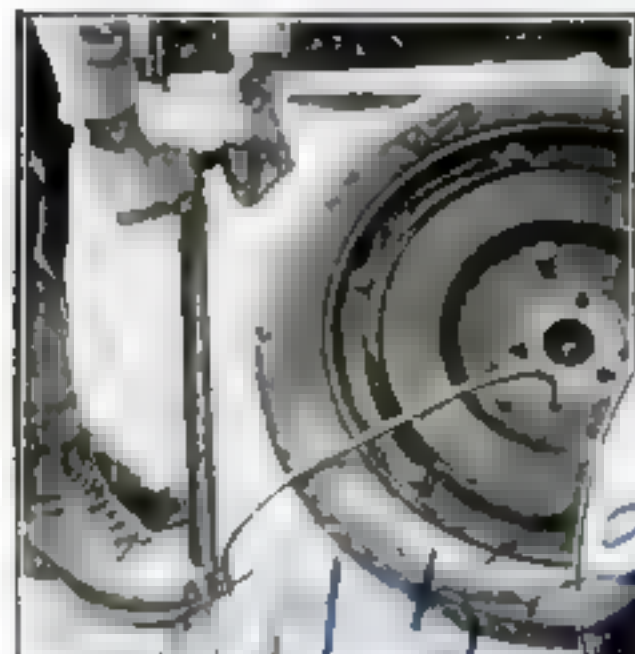
A portable calipers have been designed to determine whether the tires are properly inflated. The calipers are set to a watch to which a tire of a given size should hang under a given pressure.



A small red light strapped to the back of the driver's apron (shown in sketch) and an alarm bell (shown in sketch) will be placed on the driver's wrist and under finger as shown.



A portable electric hoist for autos. Through a system of gears operated by a hand-cranked motor, a platform to which the car is hooked is moved on double or single vertical steel posts.



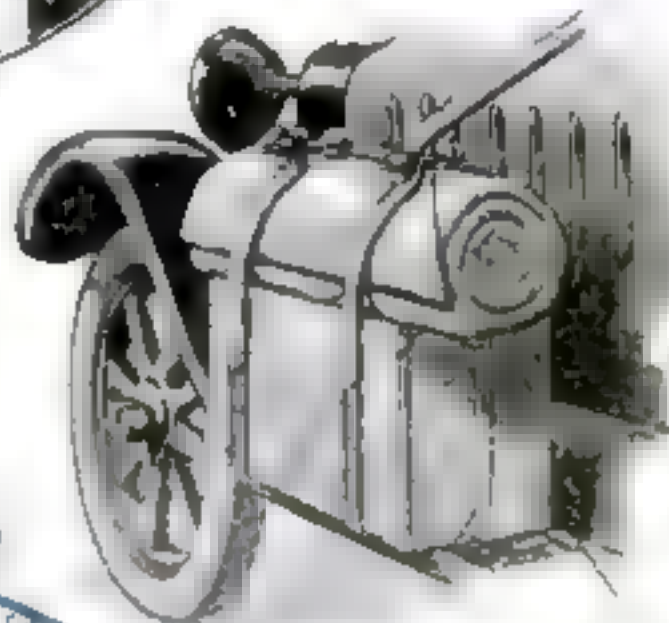
Here is an unusual new type of tire module which contains a huge inner tube that extends beyond the rim so that half of it is enclosed between the two metal disks that form the wheel. The illustration above shows how the tire is inflated from the center of the disk.



This special jack for cars equipped with balloon tires has the exceptional lift of 17 inches. A 36-inch long handle makes it easy to operate. It is the two-screw type.



An ingenious folding lunch outfit for the motorist or camper includes a box containing table, a set of benches, and a seat, all packed in a single case. The entire outfit, with folding benches, is shown in the photograph at the left.



Tent camp bed, consisting of a set of benches and blankets for two can be carried in this compact kit to the runningboard of a car. The kit and suitcases are fastened firmly by straps of metal bolted to the runningboard and clamped together above the blanket roll.

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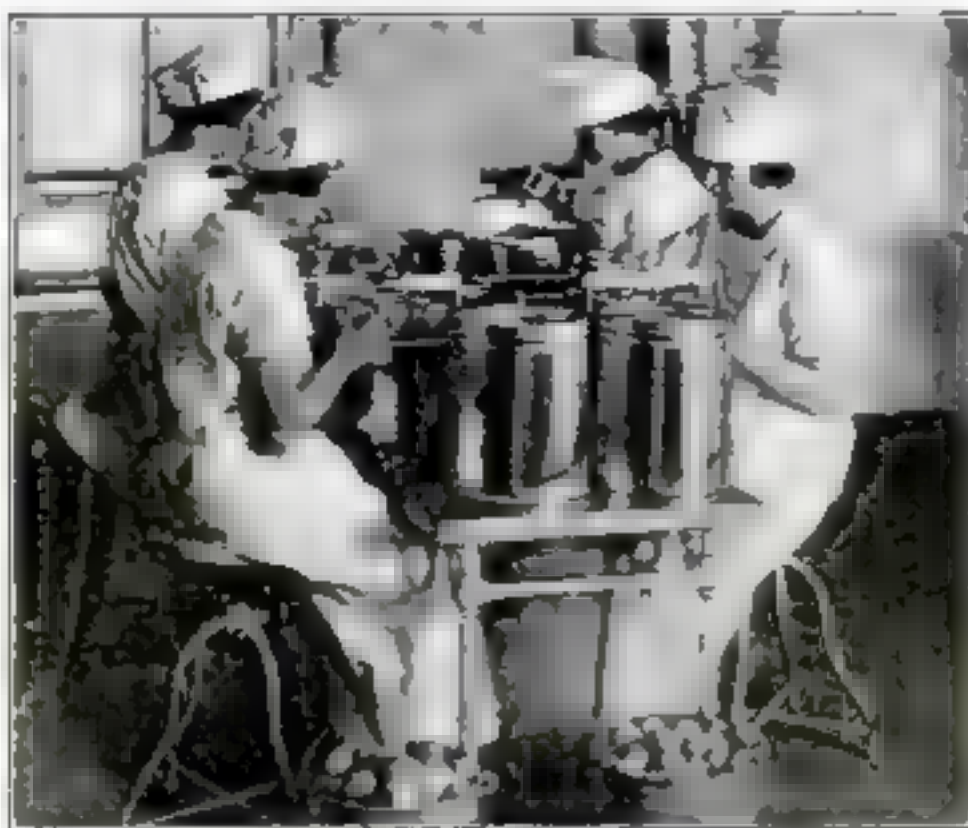
## How Frozen Eggs Are Canned for the Market

**M**ORE than fifty million pounds of canned frozen eggs are used annually in the United States by restaurants, hotels, and in home cooking. They cost from three to five cents a pound less than unshelled eggs and are more easily handled.

The first process in egg canning is chilling the eggs in a room at a temperature of 31° F. for from 12 to 24 hours. This stiffens the whites and makes it easier to separate the whites from the yolks.

Girls then candle the eggs to detect and remove bad or moldy ones. Each girl candles, on an average, 900 frozen eggs a day. Egg-canning is done from the middle of March until the middle of September.

From the candlers the eggs pass to the breakers, who open and separate them if desired. Canned eggs are sold in the form of whites only, yolks only, or mixed whites and yolks. If no musty eggs are discovered, they then are packed in wax



Separating the yolks from the whites preparatory to freezing

lined cans and sent to the freezing room, where they remain for 72 hours at from zero to four degrees below zero temperature.

The entire process, from the breaking of the egg until it reaches the freezing room, takes only eight minutes.

The last step is wrapping the frozen eggs in heavy paper and placing them in refrigerator cars, in which they start on their journey to all parts of the world.

## Study of Fossils Reveals Oil Deposits

**R**EMAINS of tiny shellfish and other fossils believed to be from five million to twenty million years old, are being used to assist in locating fields of buried minerals and oil.

Experts studying areas of ground looking for traces of oil, collect these tiny fossils, some of which are so small that they must be picked up with camel-hair

brushes, and send them to the laboratories of the U. S. Geological Survey in Washington for classification. The fossils are reproduced in photographs enlarged from 25 to 100 times, so that their characteristics may be recognized easily.

Fossils millions of years old often are marked very faintly. A blowpipe is used to spray white liquid over these shells to make the almost invisible markings stand out under the microscope.



Spraying fossil shell for the microscope

## Astronomy now Taught by Mechanical Model

**W**HAT can we see only one side of the moon? What causes eclipses of the moon and sun? When will there be another eclipse of the sun? What causes the seasons?

Questions like these can be answered readily and with extraordinary clearness by means of a fascinating model of the sun, moon and earth completed recently in England for use in schools and colleges. The relative sizes of the three bodies, and their motions, showing their positions in respect to each other on every day of the year are accurately repre-

## Ship's Blocks Are Tested in Forest Laboratory

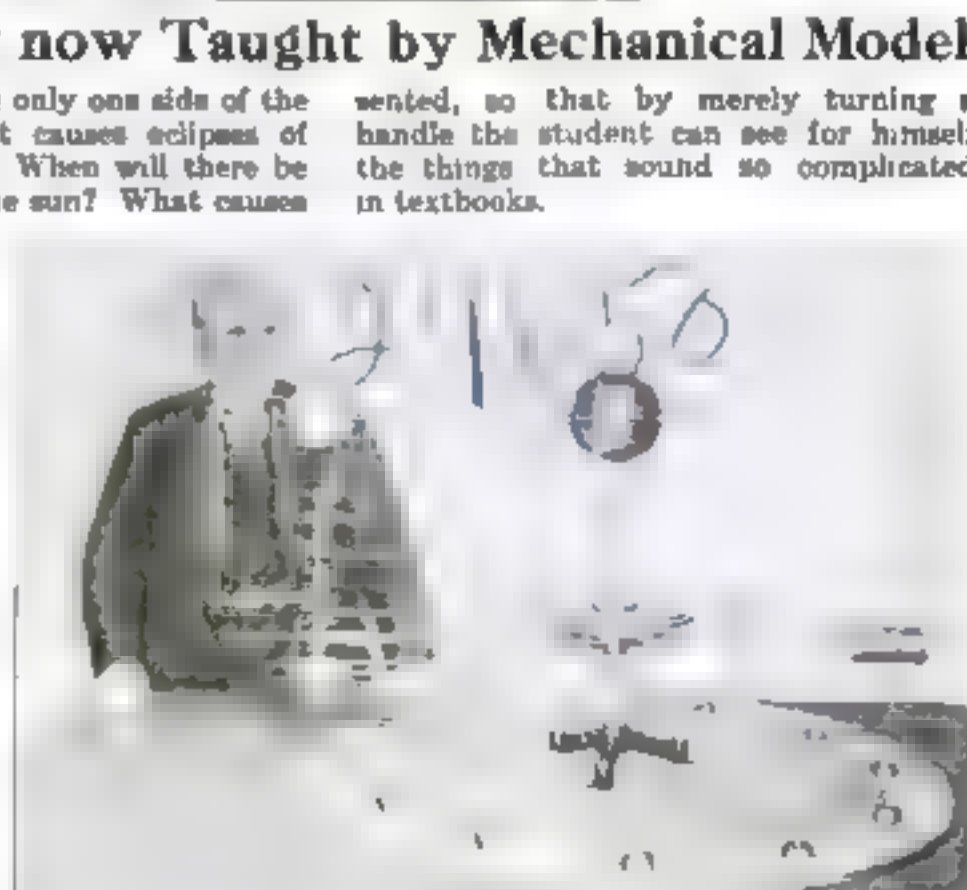
**T**HE Forest Products Laboratory at Madison, Wis., has begun a series of tests to determine the strength of keel blocks used to support the hulls of ships while in drydock. When these keel blocks fail, the hull drops with the shattered timbers and is damaged, usually very seriously, so that the importance of the keel blocks is easily seen.

These blocks are 12 by 14-inch timbers of clear white oak. The tests of five sample keel blocks were made under a giant column-testing machine with the load transmitted to the top of the blocks by a roller bearing, so as to allow the timbers to keep over sideways as they would in falling beneath a ship.

Before testing, these timbers were submerged in water for a week so that they would be tested under conditions similar to those they would encounter in actual service in the drydock. The illustration below shows a number of the blocks under tremendous downward pressure in the laboratory column-testing machine.



Keel blocks under tests in laboratory



This model shows the relative courses of sun, moon, and earth



## Watchmakers Must Pass Rigid Examinations

**TO MAKE** sure that all jewelers displaying watchmaker's signs in their shops are really experts in their trade, the U. S. Horological Institute conducts examinations of all applicants before issuing licenses by carefully examining samples sent in as a preliminary test of skill on the part of the applicant.

To keep the public from being imposed upon by incompetent men, the examination consists of two parts. The first part is a written examination in which the applicants are expected to show their theoretical knowledge of watches. For the second part a damaged watch is sent to the applicant. This he must repair to the best of his ability. These test watches previously have been put out of order by the institute so that the repair work may easily be graded.

The photograph shows R. E. Gould of the Horological Institute, checking up on repair tests by an electrical timing device.



Testing the accuracy of repaired watches

## Blended Motor Fuels Are Put to the Test



M. A. Thorne of the Bureau of Standards testing blended gasoline with the new apparatus

**SO MANY** blended fuels are on the market now that the average motorist is puzzled as to which to choose. Nearly every time he drives up to a new filling station, a new mixture is recommended to him and he has no way of telling which ones are good and which ones poor. Among the advantages claimed for most of these special fuels are increased mileage, more power, prevention of carbon formation, and prevention of knocking.

Coming to the motorist's assistance, the U. S. Bureau of Standards recently has developed a method of testing these special fuels to determine whether they are better than ordinary commercial gasoline in regard to economy, power,

and prevention of irritating knocking.

In the photograph M. A. Thorne of the Bureau of Standards is seen with the new testing apparatus. He has a small, high compression gasoline engine attached to a dynamometer, which is used first as a motor to crank the engine. After the engine is started, the dynamometer is used as a generator and the engine speed is controlled by varying the electrical load.

The power developed by the engine is computed from readings of a spring balance applied at the end of a torque arm. Fuel economy is determined by a fuel-metering device consisting of a series of burettes, or tubes graduated to scale

## Electrical Machine Records Heart Energy

**BASED** on the theory that the human heart generates small electric currents, a new machine for recording heart action was tested recently at the Yale Hospital in New Haven, Conn. The instrument measures the difference in voltage between various parts of the body, and is actuated by energy that

comes from the patient in the form of tiny electric impulses. This energy is so small that for detection it must be amplified, and a radio wave is amplified.



The instrument that measures heart action

## Seeks New Cures by Means of Radio Waves

**IN HIS** laboratory at Alpine, N. J., Dr. J. Clawson Burnett has been per-



Dr. J. Clawson Burnett (right) at work in his laboratory

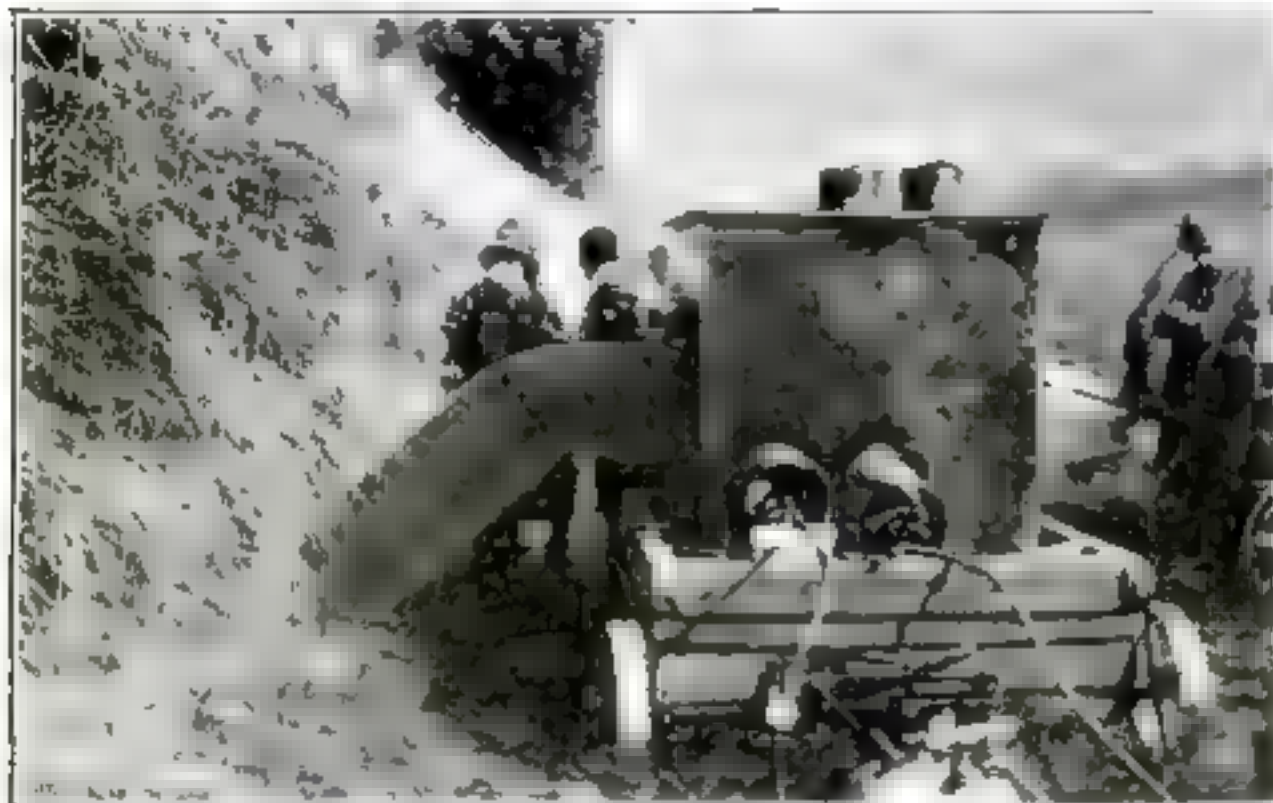
fecting the heart and an instrument designed to treat human diseases by means of electromagnetic waves.

After experimenting for two years with the machine, the invention of the late Dr. Albert Abrams of California, which raised a storm of criticism, Doctor Burnett says he has now found a way to use the machine for examining the human body.

Just as the human body is affected by electromagnetic waves, so may the human body be affected, according to Doctor Burnett.



## Artificial Heat Now Dries Hay Crops



"MAKE hay while the sun shines," urges the old proverb. But what shall the unlucky farmer do if the capricious sun refuses to lend its assistance during the haying season? Thousands of acres of crops are lost every year on account of rainy weather at the critical period.

In England, where damp and foggy weather is common during certain seasons,

makes a good hay crop rare, a new device recently has been patented by Captain B. J. Owen, which dries hay by means of artificial heat. The hay is stacked while it is green and then it is dried in 25-ton stacks.

The photograph shows the system of pumping and drying. Heat is conducted through a large pipe to the interior of the stack.



## Mechanical Cabinetmaker Combines Five Machines

FIVE complete woodworking machines with all adjustments are combined in this unusually compact mechanical cabinetmaker. It includes a sawtable, jointer, thickness planer, boring table, and speed spindle.

In the photograph above three operations are shown—ripping, thickness planing, and hollow-chisel mortising.

Almost every woodworking operation—20 entirely different and practical ones—are said to be performed on the machine, which can be used on both long, heavy work and small, accurate work. Four men can work on the machine at the same time. The stability of the machine for group work makes it especially valuable in manual-training classes.

The machine is of strong construction. It is equipped with a one-horsepower motor, and takes only 28 by 41 inches of floor space.

## To Produce More Hellum

THE U. S. Navy Department soon will begin developing additional supplies of Hellum for warships, it is announced. At the present rate of Hellum production in the United States it would require four years to obtain enough of the gas to outfit a single fleet. Los Angeles, formerly the ZR-3, in developing Hellum and constructing a plant for its extraction, Uncle Sam already has spent more than \$5,000,000.



## A Portable Power Hammer for Light Work

FOR lighter grades of work, such as for power jobs and small trenches where light timber or steel sheeting is employed, the big atmospheric hammer is practically useless. For these jobs a new hammer much reduced in size is convenient and economical.

It can be used in close quarters, needing only half an inch clearance. It embodies all of the features of the large hammers and is carried about easily. The photograph shows the hammer in use for driving light sheeting for a trench.

## How Much Science Do You Know?

THE man who has stored in the back of his head a working knowledge of the fundamental facts of science possesses an important asset in these days of scientific achievement, whatever his work may be. For that reason POPULAR SCIENCE MONTHLY publishes each month a list of a dozen questions about scientific facts. These questions not only will help test your knowledge, but will afford you real entertainment.

Answer the 12 questions below to the best of your ability, then turn to page 157 for the correct answers, and see how nearly you were right. See if you can score 100 per cent.

1. Why do some people get bald?
2. Does the boiling of water remove impurities in it?
3. What is the lightest substance known?
4. Why does a snowflake fall more slowly than a raindrop?
5. Why do we believe that all stars are moving?
6. Which travels faster, electricity or light?
7. Do insects have brains like ours?
8. Why does radio go through walls?
9. Are there special brain foods?
10. Why can parrots talk?
11. If the air weighs 15 pounds to the square inch, why does it not press us flat?
12. What makes the spouting geysers in Yellowstone Park?



# Mechanical Merry-Go-Round and See-Saw for Children



**A**ROUND they go on their merry-go-round, and up and down on their see-saws, for the ingenious new mechanical plaything seen in the photograph is a combination of the two amusements. As it teeters, it revolves—this “merry-go-bob,” which seems sure to find favor with

children who like to make things go by their own efforts.

The play machine is substantially made of iron and will not tip over. The children make it go by pushing on pedals and pulling handles.

The plaything can be used in the nursery

as well as on the lawn. Four children need to cooperate to run the merry-go-bob, but it is safe to say that its operation need not cease on account of lack of passengers, at least if the plaything is standing in plain sight of the children somewhere out of doors.

## Flaws in Big Guns Are Revealed by X-Ray

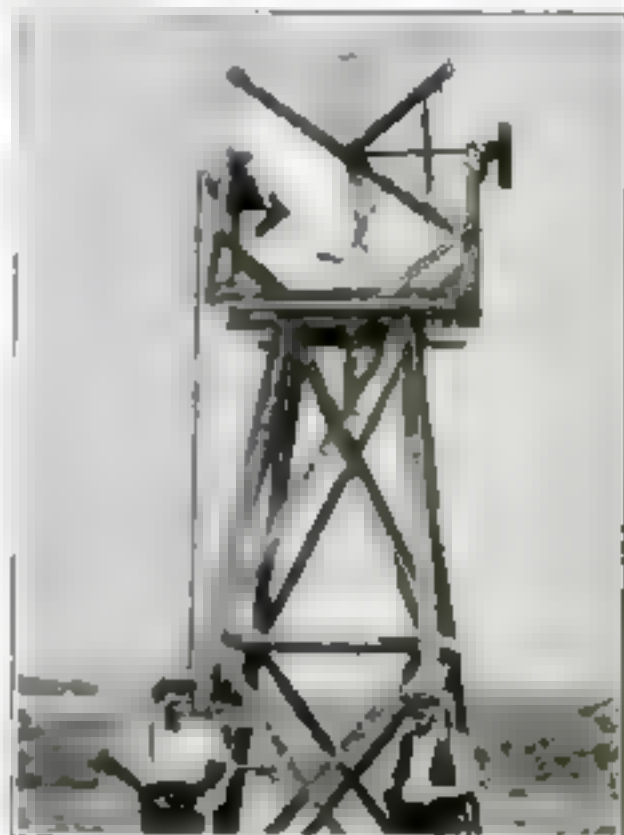
**T**HE use of a newly devised X-ray testing apparatus soon may make it possible to detect flaws in large guns and other ordnance, which, if not found, might cause disastrous explosions such as have occurred in the past. This was the recent statement of Col. T. G. Dickson, of the Ordnance Department of the U. S. Army, speaking before the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

A 280,000-volt X-ray equipment has been put into operation in the laboratory of the Watertown, Mass., Arsenal. With this apparatus, clear films of steel up to three inches in thickness can be obtained,

according to Colonel Dickson, but so far there has been little success with steel more than three inches thick.

“The experience with the equipment,” he said, “has demonstrated that it has great practical value in showing methods by which sound steel castings can be produced and as an instrument of inspection.

“The removal of all defects, or their location where they do harm, makes possible a material saving in the weight of castings. The cost of making X-ray films of castings is far less than the cost of cutting up castings to ascertain their soundness.”



## New Type of Windmill Runs without a Vane

**T**WO South Africans, Messrs. Oohlon and Henning, are the inventors of this new type of vaneless windmill designed so that its sails will operate and drive the power rod without shifting their direction according to the direction of the wind. Two semicircular sails are arranged at right angles to each other in such a way that a surface always is presented to the wind.

The inventors are shown with their creation, the cost of which is said to have been less than \$50.

The height of the windmill is 20 feet. It is geared in a ratio of five to one and is so powerful that two men of average weight can hang on the driving rod without impeding the work of the mill. The home of the inventors is Port Elizabeth.

## Know Your Car

Starting troubles, which come regularly with zero temperatures, can be lessened by a few simple precautions. In winter the main resistance to cranking is the stiffened, chilled oil film on the cylinder walls. If you keep your car in a cold garage, add warm water to the engine jackets. This will heat the oil film on the cylinder walls and give a cranking speed sufficiently high for starting.

At zero the capacity of the battery is only about half of that at summer temperatures, and the voltage drops very low with large current drains. During the winter much greater demands are made on the battery. Starting requires a much larger current, the lights are burned longer, and few long trips are made that might keep the battery charged. Test your battery frequently during the winter, there-

fore, and if it is much below the charged condition, have it charged from an outside source.

Gasoline cannot be ignited until it is in a vaporized state, and at low temperatures it vaporizes slowly. Hasten this ignition by turning the engine over a few times, with the carburetor choke closed, then allow the engine to stand for two or three minutes before using the starter again. This wait allows the gasoline to continue vaporizing in the cylinder until an explosive mixture is obtained. Hot water poured over the carburetor and intake manifold helps also to vaporize the gasoline more quickly. It is well to carry a thermos bottle of boiling water in the car for this purpose.

After the engine is started, conserve its heat by using a radiator shutter, and, in very cold weather a hood cover



# New Inventions to Lighten

Here Are 16 Useful Mechanical Utensils and



This light electric iron for shaping hats can be used with a vacuum, or plugged in a standard base



Spring into the mouth of the pitcher and turn it to make a notch, this at once perfects the contents from dirt and flies



A small electric range will not get hot and terrible that it is a great advantage in small apartments. It is a great advantage in small apartments. It is a great advantage in small apartments.



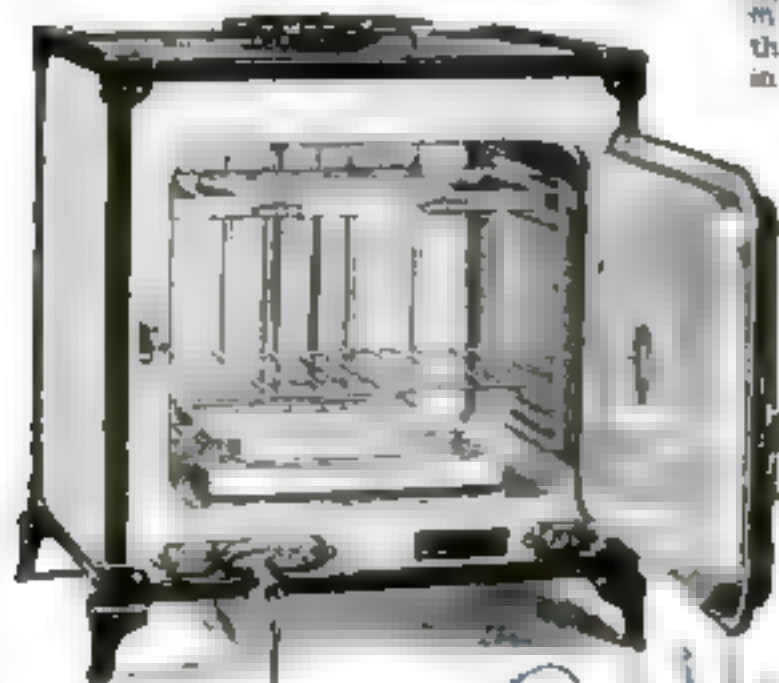
A mechanism that tilts and rolls the tub, sending the ends whirling swiftly around in three complete figure-eight movements, producing unusual friction between the clothes and water, is a feature of the new electric washer shown above



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The new cake-pan has two removable bottoms, a flat one for layer cakes, and one with a tubular center for angel food



Although small enough to be placed on a shelf the compact electric range shown at the left has ample capacity to do every sort of cooking for a family of five. At the top is a "quick-boil" heater. The oven may be used also as a fireless cooker



When not in use, the electric sewing machine pictured below is concealed in an ornamental table. If a door is opened at the front, the table becomes a convenient writing-desk, with compartments for paper and pens

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# the Drudgery of Housework

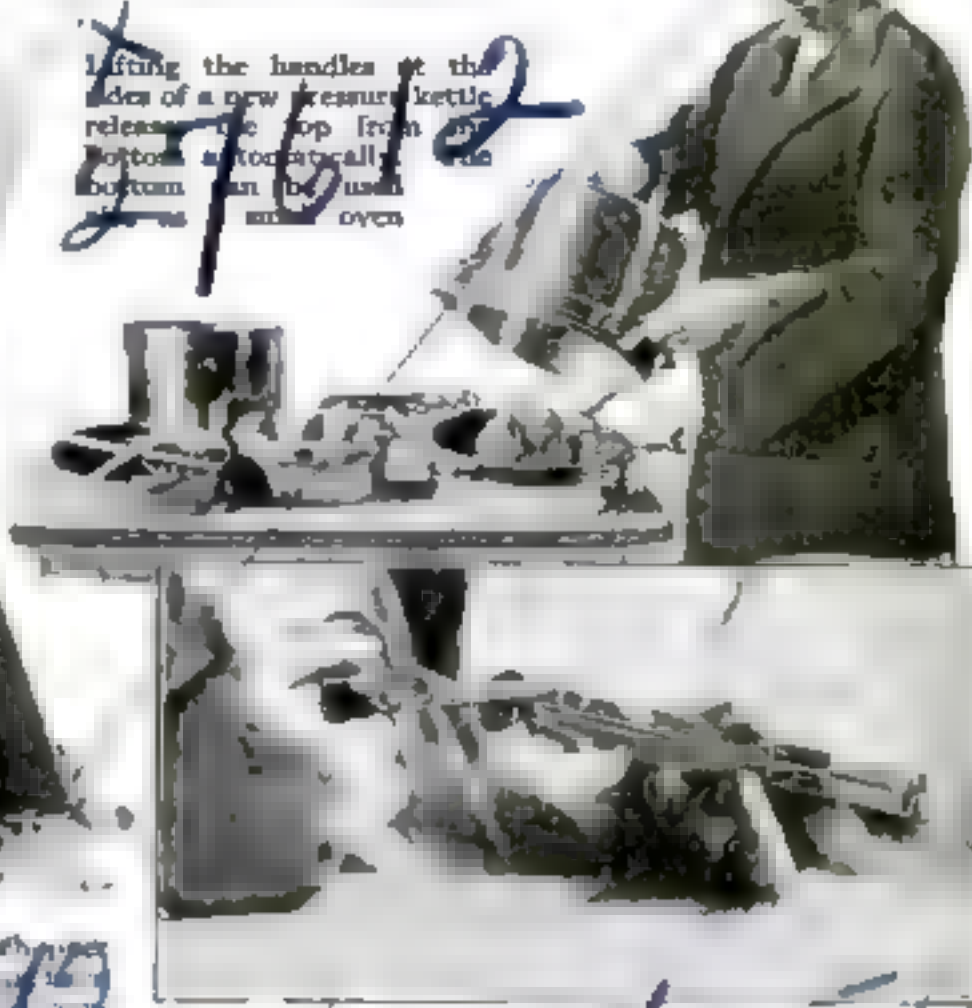
## Electrical Appliances to Save Time and Labor



21516  
+  
Washing and wiping windows may be accomplished in a single operation by using the newly patented window-cleaning brush shown above. A narrow strip of hard rubber for wiping is attached to the same handle as the brush, following it across the surface of the window.



21612  
Lifting the handles at the sides of a new pressure kettle releases the top from the bottom automatically. The bottom can be used as a grill or oven.



The grinding wheels of this all-purpose house hold can be used to sharpen knives, saws, the lawn mower, and any other edged tools. Other ingenious parts of the device make it useful as a can and bottle opener, or glass-cutter.



Caring for wax floors becomes less of a drudgery with the sliding combination washer, polisher, and brush, pictured below. It is about the weight of a carpet sweeper.

21712  
Here is a domestic egg beater, cake mixer, mince mixer and, after a complete turn, for all these purposes.



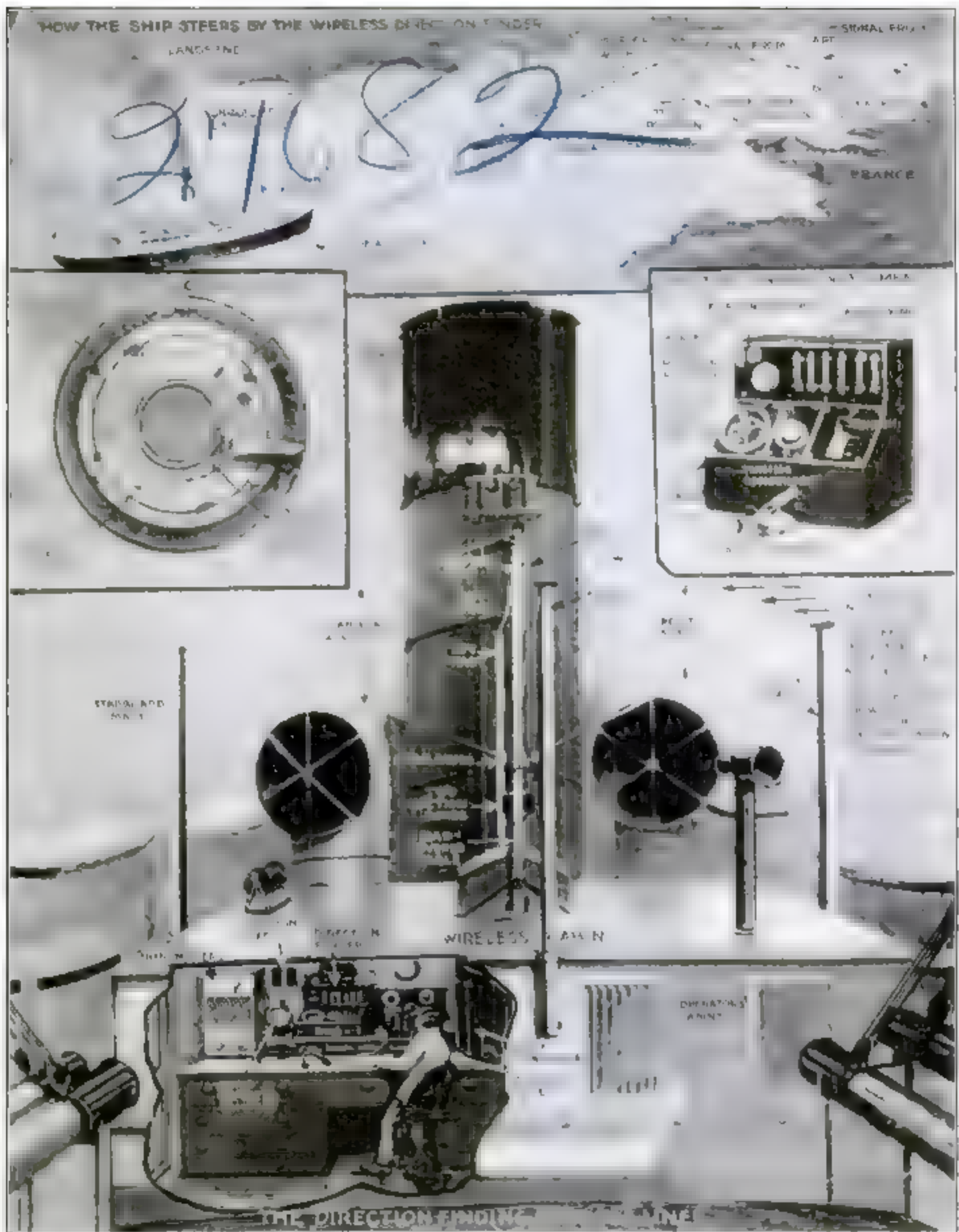
21691  
A fork and spoon are hinged together in this stand to form a handy serving tong. They can be used separately, if desired, for the handle may be released easily whenever necessary.



21816  
A completely equipped, odorless kitchenette, which resembles a great chest of drawers when closed, would appeal to the woman who has to keep house in limited quarters.







## How Wireless Is Used to Steer Vessels into Port

**A**N ILLUSTRATED article in the December issue of POPULAR SCIENCE MONTHLY described an amazing new use for Marconi's system of reflected beam radio transmission—the "radio lighthouse" which, in recent tests, has proved successful in guiding ships through heavy fog.

The illustrations above show the apparatus that enables the ship pilot to get his bearings by these radio signals from shore. The top picture represents a steamer being guided through the English Channel by them.

Four aerials on the ship receive signals from every direction. The aerial on which

the sound comes in loudest is the one nearest the transmitting station. On receipt of the signal, the operator determines, by the direction-finding instrument, its exact direction. This is sent to the navigating officer who, manipulating the dials of an indicator, finds out the true bearing of the ship.



# Your Dials—Keys to the Air

Radio Expert Tells How  
to Tune Your Set  
for Best Results

By Jack Binns  
America's Most  
Popular Writer  
on Radio

**T**HERE are certain little knacks in tuning a radio set that come with experience and knowledge of the set itself, but that can be acquired by any novice without great difficulty. In this article I shall outline the best methods of tuning for each of the basic systems of reception in general use. Owing to the diversity of types of receivers, there will be a few variations that cannot properly be covered, but the procedure that I shall describe will give you, I hope, sufficient information to act as a guide to the most satisfactory results.

The majority of crystal receivers employ either galena, or some synthetic substance very much like it. The actual adjustment of the crystal, therefore, is identical in all cases.

Receivers using a crystal alone, without vacuum tubes, are at once the simplest and most difficult to tune. This sounds paradoxical, but is true. In a large number of cases there is only one dial on the set, and in the majority not more than two. These are extremely simple to adjust, because a station will be heard over a large number of the degree marks on the dials. This part of the tuning consequently is simple. The difficult thing is to tune out an interfering station, whenever one is heard.

**B**EFORE proceeding further I am going to lay down a very imperative rule—one that applies to every type of radio receiver and to every operator. In turning any dial on your set, move it as if the whole world depended upon the slightest fraction of space between each of the degree marks on the edge of the dial. In other words, move it as slowly as you possibly can. For good results there is no variation to this rule.

Before signals can be received on a crystal set, the delicate little wire, often called the "catwhisker," which touches the glistening surface of the crystal must be in the right position, and it must rest on the surface

as lightly as possible. Experience will show that there are a few spots that give much louder response in the telephones than the rest of the surface of the crystal. These places are known as the "sensitive spots." Once one of these has been found, the crystal should be left alone until some accidental jar or shock knocks the wire off that particular spot, when a readjustment will be necessary. In doing so, move the wire very carefully and do not press it down.

If you happen to have a crystal set with a dial marked "coupling," keep this in the minimum position if you experience interference. If you have no such dial, and still get interference, then my advice is to shorten the length of your antenna. Remember that the maximum effective range is 50 miles. Do not try to reach out with your set by putting up a long antenna. Be content to get good clear re-

ception from your local stations with a minimum of interference.

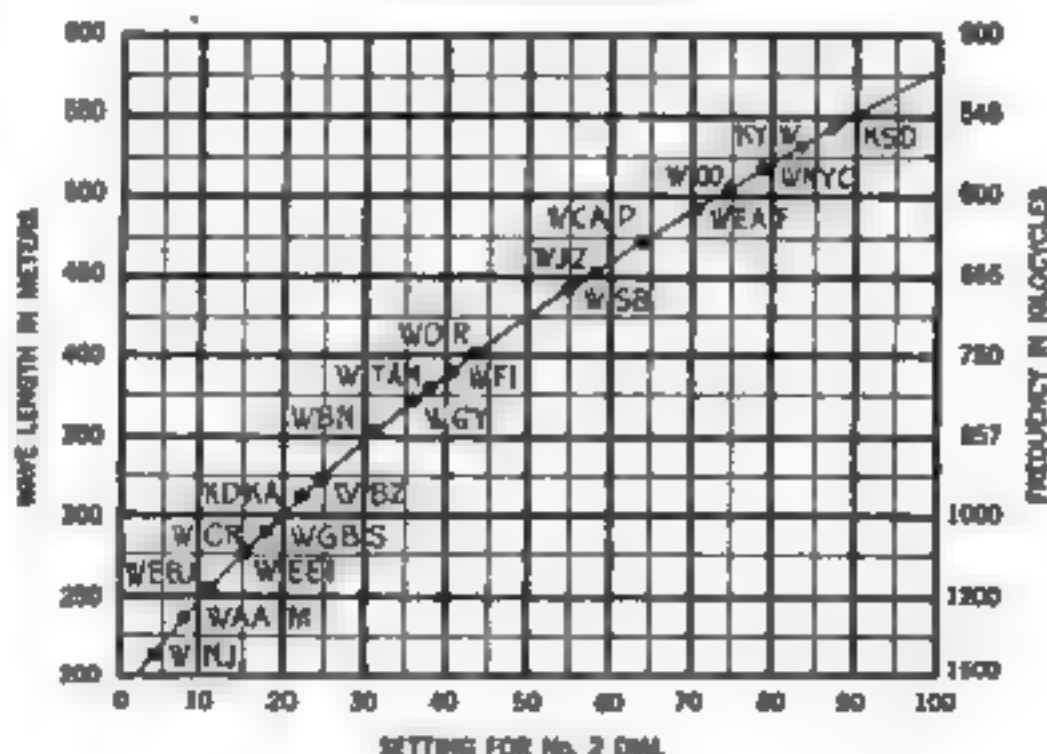
The owner of a regenerative set owes it to the other radio fans to move his dials carefully. The regenerative receiver, properly constructed, is selective and sensitive. When poorly operated, however, it is a fairly powerful transmitter, and will cause interference to others. Moreover, when it is in a transmitting condition it is absolutely useless as a receiver, for it is uncontrollable.

There is a large variety of regenerative receivers, from a technical point of view. In addition, there are several different ways in which the control dials are marked. Invariably, however, they will fall within two groups: First, dials marked "Tuning," "Selector," or "Wavelength," for tuning in the desired station; second, dials marked "Regeneration," "Intensity," or "Volume," for controlling regeneration or the intensity of the signal.

Do not, under any circumstances, tune this type of receiver so that you get a sharp whistle of varied pitch. This is a sign that your set has ceased its proper function of receiving, and has transformed itself into a transmitter. In that condition it is of no value to you or any one else.

**B**EFORE you turn your set on, either with a battery switch, or by the little dials marked "Rheostat," set the regeneration dial at zero. Now tune with the dial that controls the wave length. Move the dial slowly until a station is heard. Then turn the regeneration or volume dial slowly up from zero. As you do so you will observe that the signals become stronger and stronger until finally they reach a point where they begin to sound mushy and blurred. Stop immediately and go back to the point just before they began to distort. Or, better yet, turn down the detector tube with the rheostat dial until the mushiness disappears. This method prolongs the

CALIBRATION CURVE



## A Quick and Easy Way to Dial Broadcasting Stations

On a sheet of paper ruled in squares, number the vertical lines from left to right to correspond with dial settings, from 0 to 100 as shown. Then, at the left side number the horizontal lines for wave lengths, reading upward from 200 to 800. On the right side number the same lines for frequencies in kilocycles, reading downward from 1500 to 500. Now tune in five or six stations on your set and note the dial reading for each. Then on the chart where the vertical line corresponding to each reading would intersect the horizontal line corresponding to the

wave length or frequency of the station, make a dot. When you have done this for each station, connect the dots with a line. This will give you a calibration curve, by which you can locate any other desired station on your dial simply by noting where the wave-length line for that station intersects your curve. The vertical line at this intersection gives you the dial reading. Of course, since the lines represent round numbers only a close approximation of the settings is possible; but usually you will find that this chart will be amply sufficient



life of the tube. Now advance the intensity dial again to the point where you get maximum signal strength without any distortion.

**N**OW you have tuned your set so that you can enjoy the broadcasting without disturbing your neighbor. Make a record of the settings of both dials so that you can tune in the station again when you want to listen to it. After a little practice you will be able to change from one wave length to another with a hand always on each dial so that you can keep your receiver from oscillating and yet have it adjusted so that it will be sensitive and selective.

You will find that as the battery that lights the vacuum tubes gets old or discharged, it will be necessary to increase the rheostat dial reading lightly. When a new or recharged battery is put into use, turn the rheostat down again.

The methods for tuning a reflex set apply to the six-tube portable radio-frequency sets and similar receivers. These types are operated under the same general principles—the only difference being that in reflex sets certain tubes are arranged to do double duty. In some of the reflex sets, an additional element of tuning is introduced through the use of a crystal detector.

The majority of receivers of the types mentioned above employ a loop of wire in place of the usual aerial and ground connections. For these the operators must have a fair knowledge of the compass points about their homes. With this knowledge they will find the following little tip of much value in tuning in distant stations, because it is very necessary that the edge of the loop be pointed directly toward the station they desire to hear.

**T**AKE a map of the country. On it spot your location. On most maps you will find an arrow at the top indicating north. Now get a little pocket compass and lay it on the map so that its needle points in the same direction as the arrow on the map. It then will be an easy matter to find the exact direction of the different stations within range of the set.

When searching for one of these stations, the first thing to do is to turn the loop so that its edge points in the right direction. Tuning the receiver to its correct wave length will follow after.

Most reflex sets have the following dials. One marked "Tuning" or "Wave length," another marked "Vernier," a third marked "Rheostat," and a fourth marked "Potentiometer" or "Volume." Where a crystal is employed, make sure that the delicate wire on the surface of the crystal is in the manner described under the directions for operating a crystal set.

As soon as the rheostat, or battery switch, has been turned on, it will be observed that there is a humming in the loudspeaker if the potentiometer dial happens to be all

rheostat dials should be adjusted so that the lights are burning as dimly as possible consistent with clear, undistorted music or speech. This is a matter of economy to yourself, as well as a controlling factor in the degree of enjoyment you will get out of your set.

The majority of neutrodyne receivers have three large dials on the panel, although a few this year have only two. The tuning directions, however, apply to both types. In addition to the large dials, there are two or more rheostat dials to control the brilliancy of the tubes.

For most veteran radio fans the neutrodyne set is difficult to tune because there are no familiar noises to guide them. The tuning, however, is simple enough if the following rules are observed. It will be found in most cases that the three dials

are almost identical in their settings for any particular station. The best way for the new fan to proceed is as follows:

**S**TART with the second and third dials at the same setting, both at 55, for example. Now move dial No. 1 slowly between 50 and 60. If no signal is heard, move the second and third dials another degree either way, and then move the first dial over 10 degrees. Some station soon will be heard, and

maximum signals can be obtained with slight adjustments on all three dials. As soon as the station has been identified by its call letters, write down on a piece of paper the figures of each of

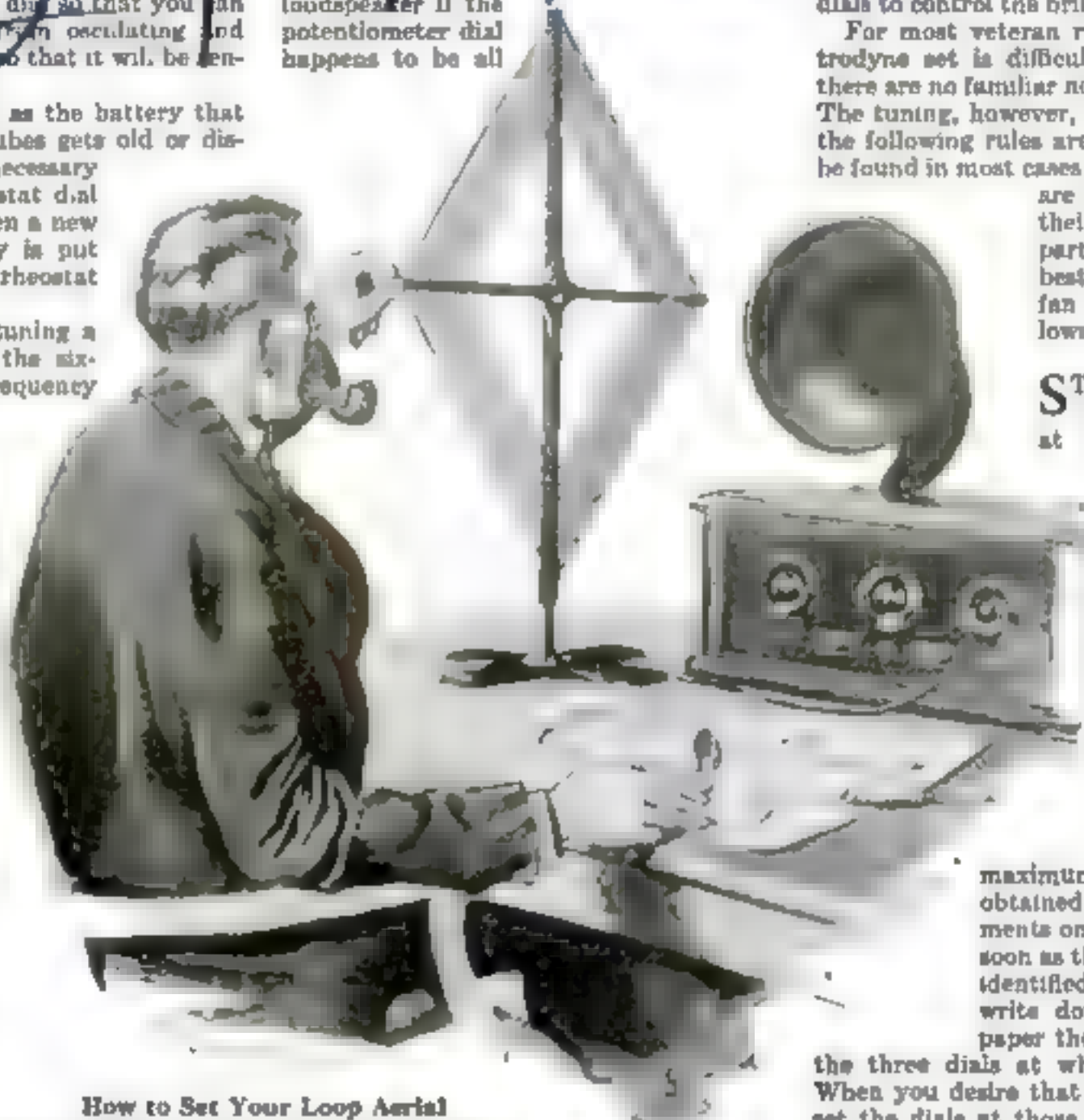
the three dials at which it was heard. When you desire that station again, just set the dials at those figures, and if the station is on the air and conditions are favorable, it will come in. The procedure in picking up distant stations is exactly the same.

**O**NCE four or five stations have been located, there is a simple method shown in the chart on page 88 by which new stations can be found without difficulty. This method can be used for any type of set.

Like all other sensitive receivers, the neutrodyne will, under certain circumstances, bring in atmospheric disturbances while you are listening to distant stations. If these static disturbances are very bad, they can be counteracted somewhat by slightly detuning the third dial either above or below the correct figure.

There are two types of super-heterodyne receivers in use. First, the home-built or built-to-order type, which ordinarily employs eight tubes; and, second, the factory-built receiver with six tubes. There is an important technical difference between the eight- and six-tube sets.

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How to Set Your Loop Aerial

On a map of the United States spot your location. Then place a pocket compass on the map and adjust so that the compass needle points in the same direction as the arrow on the map indicating "north." It will then be easy to turn the edge of the loop in the direction of the broadcasting station you want to hear.

the way over to one side—usually the left side. This dial should be changed slowly until the noise disappears. Now turn the wave-length dial very slowly until some station is heard. It may be quite possible that the receiver will whistle just as a regenerative receiver does when badly adjusted. In this case a slight adjustment of the potentiometer dial will remedy the trouble. When a station has been brought in, move the dial marked "Vernier" until the signals are loudest and clearest. A little more adjustment on the potentiometer dial will remove any mush or distortion. As a general rule, this dial should be left in that position, but in bringing in distant stations it may be necessary to advance it a little toward the side that eventually brings on mushiness.

In all radio receivers, irrespective of type, where vacuum tubes are used, the



# How to Do Good Soldering

## The Easiest and Quickest Way to Make Radio Connections

By John Carr

ONE of the main reasons why so many of the manufacturers of radio parts are fitting their instruments with solder lugs is because soldering is the easiest, quickest, and best way to make electrical connections.

Beginners are inclined to doubt this fact after their first session with a

Solder should be made of equal parts of tin and lead, but unfortunately a great deal of solder sold today contains very little tin. Such solder does not flow easily and is difficult to work with. Tin is more expensive than lead, which accounts for the lack of it in cheap solder. Be sure that the solder you buy is of the best grade.

Another form of solder that is much used in electrical work is the rosin-core solder. It con-

requires a somewhat hotter iron than many of the other fluxes.

The type of pliers shown in the illustration is not necessarily the best; any pliers that will cut wire and hold it in position while soldering will do.

ASSUMING that you have purchased the necessary equipment, the first step is to prepare the copper. This process is known as "tinning." If the end of the copper is not clean and shiny, it should be made so with a file. It should

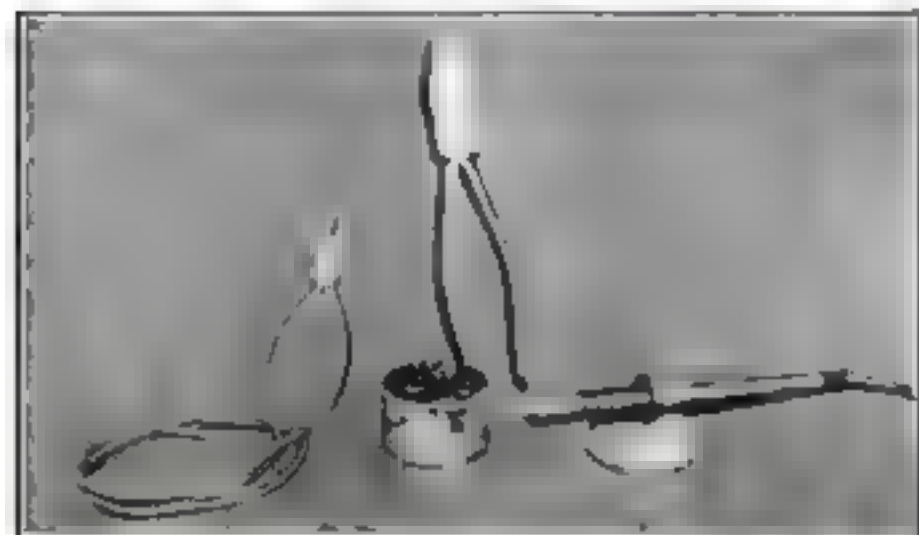


Fig. 1. The equipment you need for a good soldering job (at left, rosin-core solder, paste flux and a soldering copper). The copper shown is electrically heated but the old style works as well.

soldering iron readily because they do not know how it should be done. And the matter of proper equipment is vital, for even an expert cannot turn out a good job of soldered wiring if he has not the right material to work with.

Really, there are just three essentials to good solder work of the kind required in radio construction. They are: A soldering copper (often called "soldering iron," although it is always made of solid copper) heated to the proper temperature, high grade strip solder, and a paste or other flux that will make the solder flow over and form intimate contact with the surfaces of the metal parts to be joined.

Figure 1 illustrates all the equipment you need. An electrically heated soldering copper is not necessary—just as good work can be done with the old style soldering copper, but an electric outfit saves the time that otherwise would be wasted in waiting for the copper to heat up between connections and also eliminates many trips back and forth to the kitchen range.

THERE are several kinds of soldering paste on the market and most of them are excellent, but any brand that contains acid should be carefully avoided in electrical work because of the danger of short circuits and corroded connections.

Strip solder is easier to work with than the kind that comes in solid bars, especially for electrical work where small coppers ordinarily are used. Bar solder will cool the copper before the solder melts from the end of the bar.



Fig. 2. Soldering a joint. Hold the ends of the wires together and touch the joint with the drop of solder on the end of the copper.



Fig. 3. Completing the joint. Hold the end of the copper on the connection until the solder flows into the joint and over the ends of the wires.

then be heated to the point where it hinges when jabbed into the soldering paste. Stick it in the can of soldering paste several times and then rub the end with the strip solder until the surface is covered with a smooth coating of solder that closely adheres to the metal. The best test for tinning is to rub the end of the soldering copper on a piece of woolen cloth and if the solder cannot be removed, the copper is properly tinned, as shown in Fig. 1.

Before you actually start to solder the connections in the radio set you have just built, it is a good plan to practice a bit on short lengths of bus wire until you have mastered the knack of it.

If you are using soldering paste, dip the ends of the wires to be joined in the paste. Now melt enough of the solder on the tinned portion of the copper to form a small

drop on the end. Next, hold the ends of the wires together, and touch them with the tip of the copper so that the drop of



Fig. 4. Four kinds of soldered joints. The one at the extreme left shows how not to do it. The second from the left is the joint made in Figs. 2 and 3. The

third and fourth joints show how the wires should be overlapped if they are to be subjected to strain. Notice how neatly the joints can be made with practice.

sists of a small tube of solder filled with rosin, which acts as a flux and eliminates the need for a separate flux or paste. It makes an ideal joint for electrical use, but

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# A Four-Tube Set to Fit Your Phonograph Cabinet

## How to Build an Economical Receiver of Unusual Tone Quality

By Alfred P. Lane

**H**ERE is a radio receiving set arranged so that you can fit it in the record compartment of almost any standard phonograph. And it is a set that is well worth building, because it combines sensitiveness and selectivity with ease of control and the finest possible reproduction of broadcast music and speech.

The circuit is the familiar three-coil regenerative detector plus one stage of transformer-coupled audio-amplification and two stages of resistance-coupled audio-amplification.

Radio fans who never have tried resistance-coupled amplification will be astonished at the quality of reproduction of this receiver. There is no difference whatever between the first stage and the last stage in the way of tone or clearness, and with 90 volts of B battery, the volume on local stations with four tubes going is too great for most loudspeakers,

and these are well covered by the dials.

The low-loss idea has been carried out in the design of the detector-circuit and in the elimination of special mountings for the coupling condensers, the

tubing. Tuning is simple, for there are only two dials and the control of regeneration need not be particularly critical except on distant stations.

The set also is economical to maintain, because it is not necessary to keep all the tubes going when you are listening to programs from local stations. The use of three switches gives you all the power you need for various conditions. The series connection of the switches prevents leaving one or two tubes burning in your absence, for the right-hand switch *K1* cuts off all the tubes, regardless of the position of the two other switches.

**A** RHEOSTAT in the filament circuit of each tube makes it possible to operate the tubes at the lowest possible temperature consistent with full volume.

The receiver is arranged to use 6-volt storage-battery tubes of



The four-tube set completed and installed by Mr. Lane in a phonograph cabinet. This is the set he tells you how to build in the accompanying article. It is now in the home of Robert S. Dietrich of Brooklyn, N. Y. who is shown tuning it to a distant station.

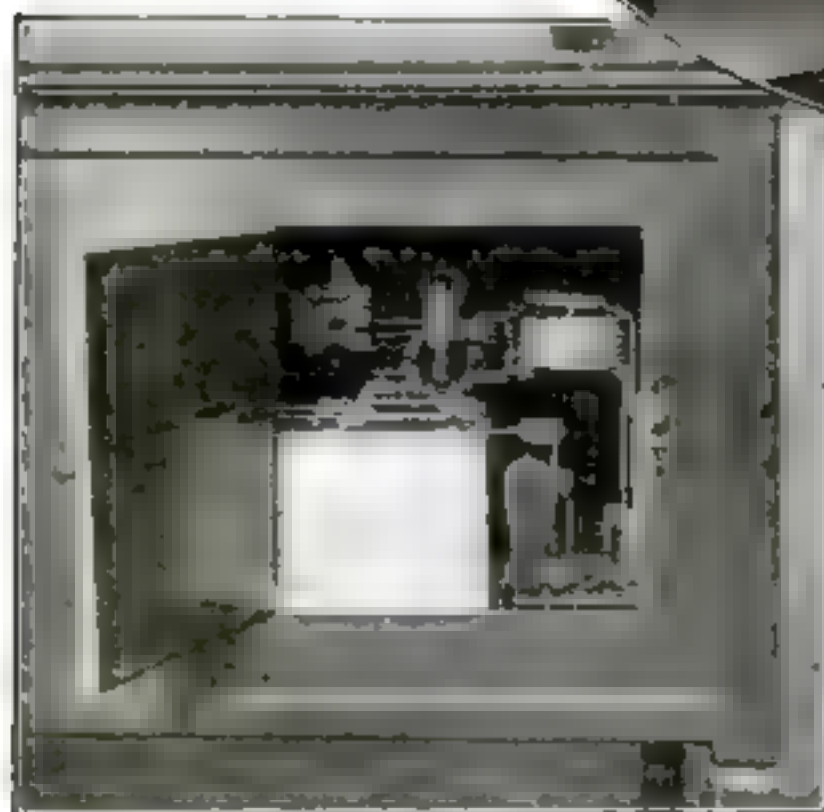


Fig. 1. The door cut in the back of the cabinet. Notice how the B batteries are placed at the back of the set.

The construction includes several new wrinkles in wiring and in the elimination of unsightly screws. In fact, there are no screw holes whatever in the front panel *S*, except those used to support the variable condenser *D* and the tuning unit *A*, *B*, *C*,

plate resistances, and the grid leaks. The wiring has been reduced to the simplest possible form by the arrangement of the parts in the set and by placing all of the battery and filament wiring under the sub-panel *T* and incasing it in spaghetti

the usual  $\frac{1}{2}$  ampere type. Dry-battery tubes of either the  $1\frac{1}{4}$ - or 3-volt type can be used without changing the set, unless you use rheostats that are suitable for only one type of tube, in which case the rheostats will have to be changed.



Fig. 3. The symmetrical layout of the front panel, showing wave-length dial (upper right), regeneration dial (upper left), rheostat knobs, jacks, and switches.

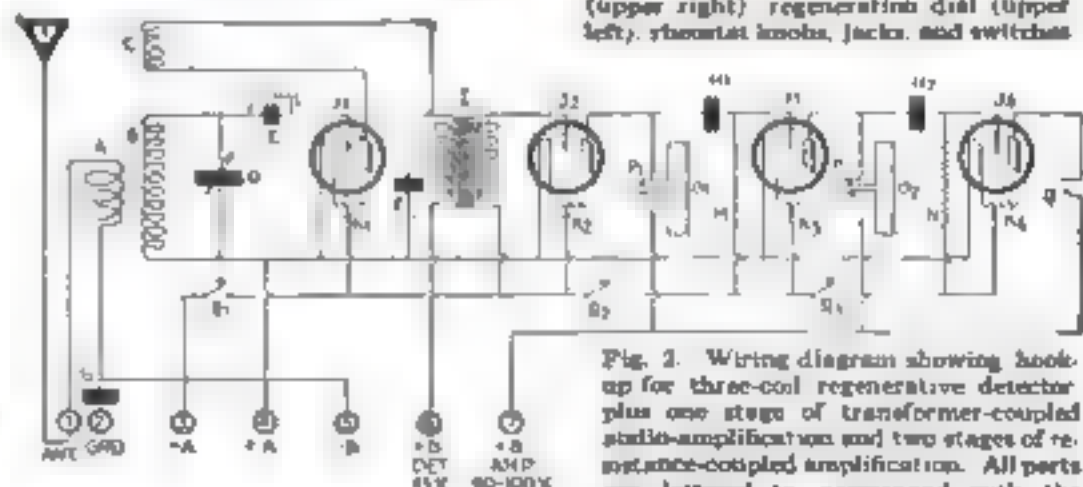


Fig. 2. Wiring diagram showing hook-up for three-coil regenerative detector plus one stage of transformer-coupled audio-amplification and two stages of resistance-coupled amplification. All parts are lettered to correspond with the illustrations on the opposite page.



The large-capacity condenser *G* is included in the circuit so that the *A* or *B* battery may be charged by any type of charger without danger of blowing the fuses.

### THE PARTS YOU WILL NEED

*A, B, and C*—Low-loss tuning unit

*D*—Low-loss variable condenser, .0005 microfarad

*E*—Grid condenser, .00015 microfarad, with clips for grid leak

*F*—By-pass condenser, .0005 microfarad

*G*—By-pass condenser, 5 microfarad

*H1* and *H2*—Coupling condensers, .012 microfarad, two pairs of .006-microfarad fixed condensers with solder tags

*I*—Audio-frequency transformer

*J1, J2, J3, and J4*—Standard vacuum-tube sockets

*K1, K2, K3, and K4*—Rheostats for 1/2-ampere 6-volt tubes

*L*—Grid leak, 2 megohms

*M*—Grid leak, 1 megohm

*N*—Grid leak, 5 megohms

*O1* and *O2*—Fixed resistances, 100,000 ohms

*P1* and *P2*—Double-circuit jacks

*Q*—Open-circuit jack

*R1, R2, and R3*—Battery switches

*S*—Panel, 13 by 14 1/2 inches

*T*—Sub-panel, 7 by 15 inches

*U*—Sub-panel, 7 1/2 by 4 inches

Two brass right-angle brackets, two

7 binding posts, 4 tubes, screws, bus-wire

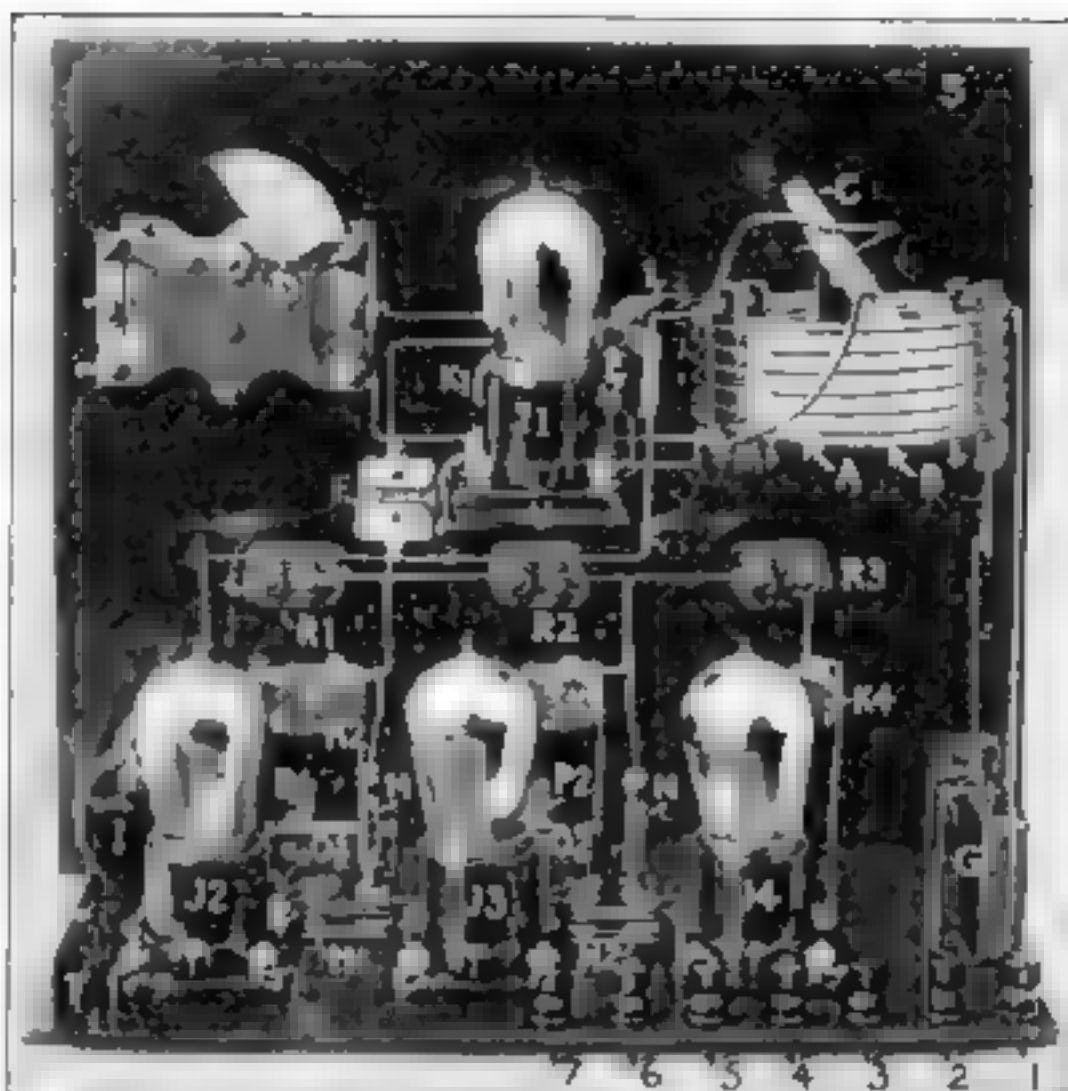


Fig. 4. Rear view of the complete set, showing layout of parts and wiring. All parts are lettered to correspond with the wiring diagram on the opposite page. The wiring of the set is unusually simple if the instructions are followed out carefully.

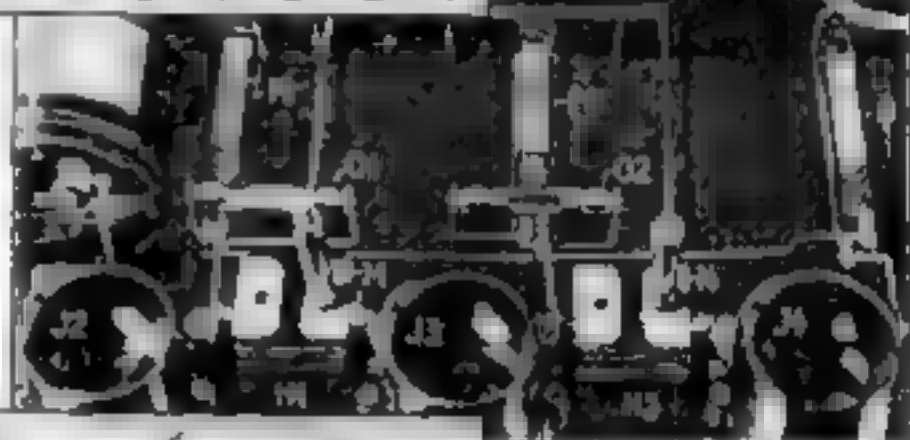


Fig. 6. Details of the resistance coupling, showing how coupling condensers, plate resistances and grid leaks are arranged compactly on resistance-coupled stages.

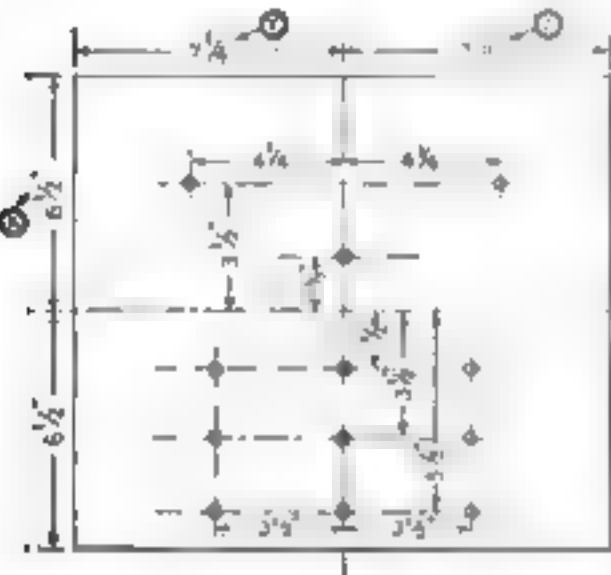


Fig. 5. Diagram showing measurements for the panel layout. The measurements for *X*, *Y* and *Z* may be varied to suit the size of the particular type cabinet you use.

The tuning unit, *A, B, C*, can be bought complete, or you can build it yourself. The primary, *A*, consists of 8 turns of No. 14 bare copper wire, 4 inches in diameter and spaced 1/4 inch between turns. The secondary, *B*, is 47 turns of No. 16 double-cotton-covered wire wound around 15 pegs set in a 3 1/4-inch circle by the around two, skip two method described in POPULAR SCIENCE MONTHLY for January.

THE tickler coil, *C*, was wound around 16 wooden pegs set into a wooden hub 1 1/4 inches in diameter, with 4 turns of No. 20 double-cotton-covered wire. The coils are held in place by clamping between strips of bakelite. The shaft for the tickler coil, *C*, is a 1/4-inch bakelite rod, so that no metal is used in the construction of the tuning unit except the small screws.

Any good make of low-loss condenser may be used, but the capacity should be .0005 microfarad if a secondary coil such

as described is used. It is extremely important to use a high quality audio transformer, since the advantage of resistance coupling is lost if the audio transformer in the first stage produces an appreciable degree of distortion.

Any of the standard makes of switches, rheostats, or sockets may be used, but the jacks should be of the type shown in this set, since the frames of the jacks are used to support the sub-panel *T*. There are a number of makes of this general type.

Any make of fixed resistances and grid leaks may be used, provided they are of

the correct value. The front panel of this particular set was made of mahogany-finished bakelite, but that is a matter of personal choice—any material will do, provided it is stiff enough to hold the entire weight of the set, which is supported on the front panel.

THE size of the front panel *S* is 13 by 14 1/2 inches, but these dimensions can be altered to fit the size of the record compartment of the phonograph. Because of this possible variation in the panel size, the spacing of holes in Fig. 5 and the layout for panel *S* are given from the center lines, and any changes in the panel size should be in dimensions *X*, *Y*, and *Z*. The panel, of course,

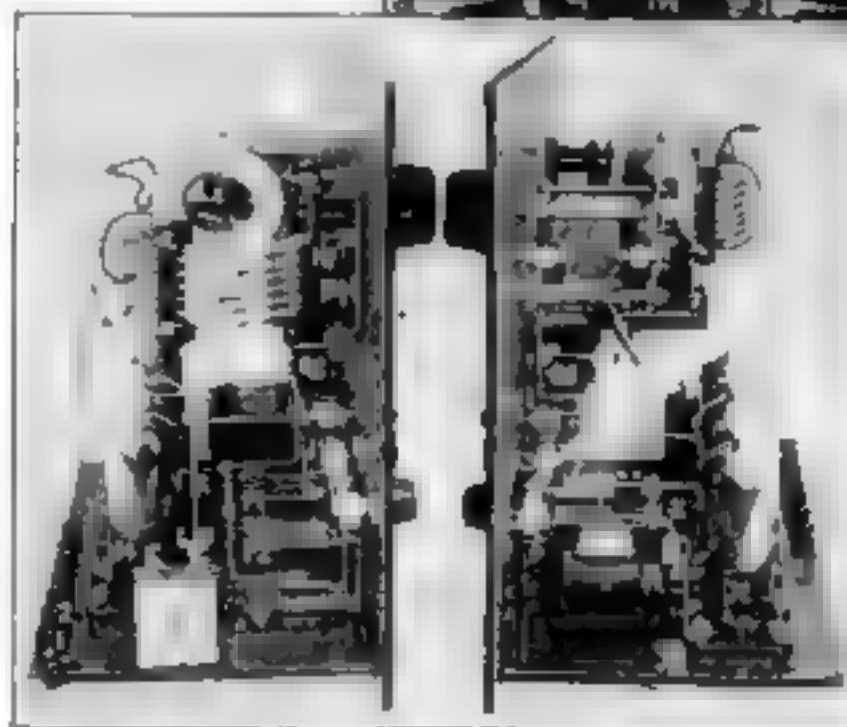


Fig. 7. Left-hand view

Fig. 8. Right-hand view

can be made as large as necessary, and if 3-inch dials are used, 1 inch can be subtracted from dimension *X* and 1/2 inch from dimensions *Y* and *Z*, making a minimum size of 12 by 13 inches.

### HOW TO BUILD THE RECEIVER

After you have purchased all the parts, the first step is to cut the panel *S* to a size that will fit the record compart-

ment of the phonograph cabinet.

Now, cut out a paper pattern the exact size of the panel and paste it to the panel with library paste. Measure off the positions of the holes on the paper. Note that only the centers for the shafts are given, because many standard instruments are single-hole mounting and the others vary considerably as to the location of the screws for mounting.

After you have the centers of the shafts located, use the paper templet that comes with each instrument requiring mounting.

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# How Radio Gyps Duped Me

The Story of a Victim Who Built a Set of Junk

As Told to Newton Burke

**A**S A radio fan, I am no longer a beginner—at least I have reached a point in my pursuit of the mystery of radio where I find a little mystery and hear a little music.

It all began during what might be called the gold-rush days of radio, when the craze had obtained its first hold on the imagination of the masses. Hordes of newly made radio fans fought madly at every radio-store counter for the small consignments of parts that came in from manufacturers buried in a sea of rush orders.

The radio craze first hit me one Saturday afternoon. It all seemed so delightfully easy. All you had to do was to string a wire on the roof, connect some wires to various apparently simple electrical instruments and, presto! Music would flow into your ears from all over the country.

By Monday morning I was firmly determined to acquire a radio outfit before another day had passed. As soon as I could, I headed for the nearest radio store, where I mentioned humbly that I was interested in buying a radio set.

"Do you want one of the cat-whisker type or would you prefer an audion detector?" the clerk inquired condescendingly.

That dazed me for a moment, and then I recovered sufficiently to ask the price of each type. It developed that the set which I understood employed part of a cat would cost in the neighborhood of \$25, while the set using the other device would run to all of \$75, including the storage battery and the various accessories, which the clerk assured me were quite necessary.

**I** PAID \$25 for the cat's whisker and what went with it, and spent the whole evening installing the outfit according to the alleged simple direction sheet.

Yes, it worked—I lived less than a mile from old WJZ, which was then located in Newark, N. J.; but somehow the tuning lever did not seem to be of much use. If WJZ was broadcasting, I could always get the station most anywhere on the dial, and if it wasn't, no amount of tuning would bring in any other station.

For several months the crystal outfit kept me satisfied. Then I began to long to hear distant stations. That meant a tube set, so I read all the radio literature I

could find and wasted reams of paper drawing off plans of the wonderful receiving set I was going to build.

Finally I worked out the plan for a receiver that I was positive would be a world-beater

know, for that wonderful first set of mine was made of them—all but the panel, which really was made of the material advertised on the sign.

**I** WAS an easy mark for those "gyps," and the way they handed me absolute junk in exchange for my hard-earned dollars was a crime.

The plates of the variable condenser were supposed to be aluminum, but a spell of damp weather left them with a beautiful coat of rust, and subsequently I found that a horseshoe magnet stuck to them like a long-lost brother.

There was a variometer in the original hook-up, I remember, and it looked

pretty good when I bought it; but I left it standing in the hot sun for several hours one day and the whole business actually softened and sagged out of shape so I could no longer turn the rotor. The tube socket, too, was an excellent example of "gyp" manufacture. I think it was made of the same material they use for

molding the clay disks that trapshooters aim at with shotguns. Certainly it was brittle enough—my screwdriver slipped while I was assembling the set and struck the side of the socket a very gentle blow, whereupon a large piece dropped out.

Really, it was a tribute to the broadcasting stations in operation at the time that the set brought in anything at all.

**I** COULD go on and tell, part by part, just how each instrument finally revealed itself as a fraud and had to be replaced with the genuine article. Eventually, the whole receiver was rebuilt.

The matter of "gyp" parts no longer bothers me, for I have learned to know genuine parts when I see them and I am familiar with the trademarks of most of the reliable manufacturers. Still, it was a pleasure the other day to note, as I walked by the store where I bought my first set of parts, that the "gyp" who ran the place finally had gone to the wall and that an auction sale was being held under the unfeeling direction of the sheriff.

For the sake of all those who are just starting in the radio game now, it is a pity that many of the "gyp" fraternity are still in business. Doubtless there are still thousands of beginners who will have to learn by experience as I did.



"I was an easy mark for these gyps. In exchange for my hard-earned dollars they handed me parts that were almost useless—

an aluminum variable condenser that rusted and a variometer that melted in the sun and a tube socket that broke when I tapped it."

## The Proof of Reliability

**IN OUR** December issue appeared the Confessions of a Radio Gyp, who told the inside story of how the cheaters among radio merchants "bootleg" tubes, fake condensers, coils, and other apparatus.

Here is the other side of the same story—the confessions of a fan who was duped by the radio gyps and who paid dearly for his experience. What he says should prove helpful in pointing out the pitfalls and swindles in the path of the man who is just starting in radio.

By stamping its seal of approval on the products of reliable radio manufacturers, the Popular Science Institute of Standards is helping to force the gyps out of the radio field, so that the day is not far distant when the novice, as well as the expert, will be able to buy sets and parts with the assurance that they are reliable. In the meantime, the beginner will do well to stick to manufacturers and dealers who have established reputations for honest merchandise and fair play to the buyer.

By this time a change had taken place in the radio market. The tremendous demand, coupled with the inability of the legitimate manufacturers to fill the orders, brought a lot of fly-by-nights into the game with plausible-looking substitutes for almost any of the standard radio parts. That these "gyp" parts were almost useless goes without saying. I



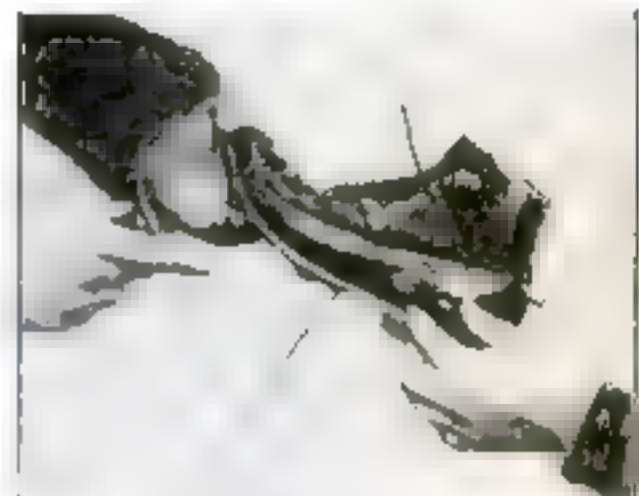
# The Month's Curiosities in Radio

## A Multiple Hook-Up—Unusual Sets and Accessories



### This Fan Tries Them All

According to Peter Testan, Jr., of Brooklyn, N. Y., the only way to find out which type of receiving set gives best results is to test them all under exactly the same conditions. In his laboratory shown below, he has an elaborate collection of radio receivers, including nearly all of the popular types. A switching arrangement permits him to shift instantly from one set to another so that he is in a position to judge value in the reception of distant and local stations.



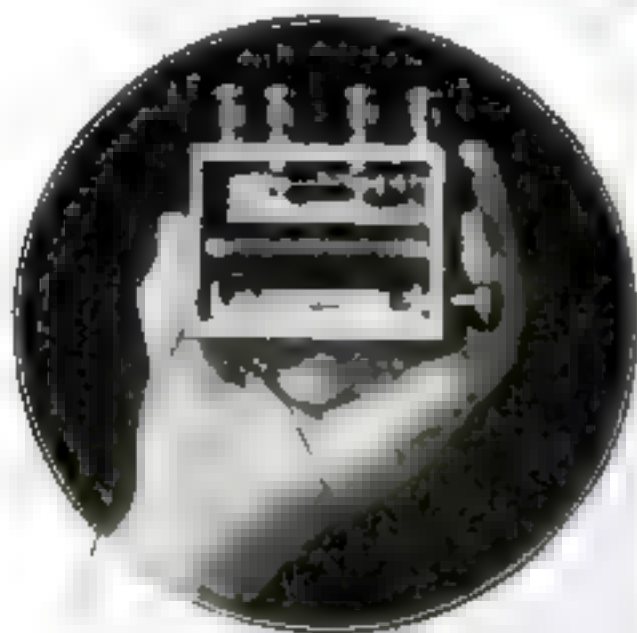
### Fuse Protects the Tubes

It is connected in the minus B battery line and will burn out instantly when the current goes to between 40 and 200 milliamperes, so that if the high-voltage wires in the receiver become crossed with the filament circuits, or the B battery is accidentally connected in place of the A battery, the fuse will burn out and the tube filaments will not be injured at all.



### Old Shoe Houses Radio

Here is a perfect receiving set, built in an old shoe by Elaine Rabinoff. The set is a perfect example of a crystal set, built in a more conventional form. Notice the tuning dial at the side of the shoe near the heel and the binding posts for buttons.



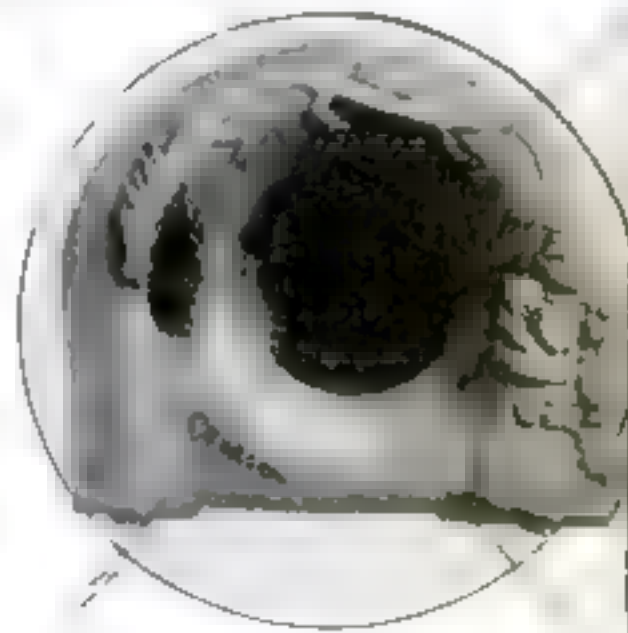
### Radio Set in Vanity Case

Another of the novelty receivers at the Chicago Show was built into a vanity case. The power supply, power of the antenna and the other usual filaments were removed. It is a crystal receiver. The tuning inductance is shown at the bottom and the four binding posts at the top are used to connect the set with the antenna, the ground, and the head phones. The picture shows it removed from the case.



### The Radio Peddler Appears

In many foreign cities, the peddler's pushcart has been an important part of the street scene. A novelty



### Loudspeaker like Throat

A loudspeaker that is designed after the human throat and its adjacent passages has just appeared on the market. In addition to the main channel for the sound, there are other passages in the molded composition that the inventor claims add much to the naturalness of reproduction. An artist and a sculptor assisted in working out the final design of the instrument so that an attractive and ornamental loudspeaker is the result.



# SKIDDING—How to Avoid It

An automobile expert tells of simple ways to save your car from disaster on treacherous roads

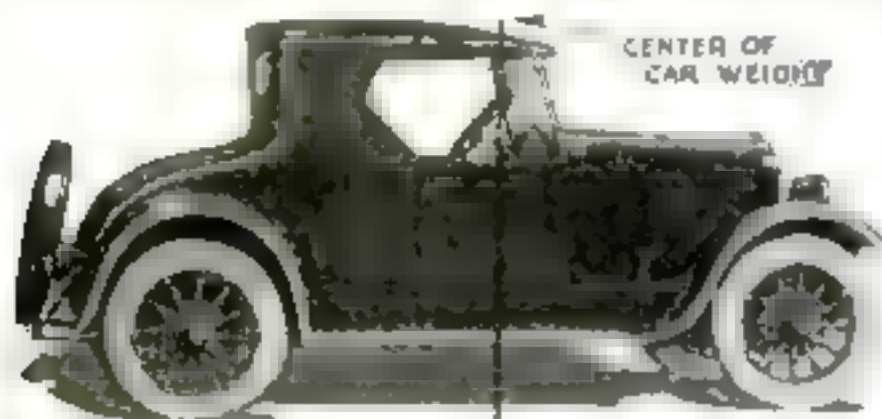
By George Arthur Luers

**A** LIGHT car and a heavy foot make a combination that works well as long as you traverse dry and unobstructed concrete roads.

But when the roads are glazed with ice, when they are wet from snow or rain, when they are freshly oiled, when a light rain has converted the fine dust on old roads into slippery mud, when you at-

tempt to avoid a stretch of bad going by driving on wet trolley tracks—then this combination is likely to prove dangerous, for it leads to skidding.

In fact, the heavy foot that always presses the accelerator down to the limit and suddenly jams on the brake every time it is necessary to stop, is a dangerous thing to have in any car on any kind of highway.



Avoid driving directly

UNEQUAL DISTRIBUTION OF CAR WEIGHT CONTRIBUTES TO SIDE SLIPPING

tempt to avoid a stretch of bad going by driving on wet trolley tracks—then this combination is likely to prove dangerous, for it leads to skidding.

halfway round in perfect safety when you are going slowly, whereas at high speed a sixteenth of a revolution of the wheel may invite disaster. The wheel should be held steadily and any suddenness in change of direction avoided. It is not necessary to coast around a turn, in fact, it is better to keep the clutch engaged, closing the throttle to retard the forward movement of the car.

**T**HESE precautions should be sufficient to prevent your skidding in the ordinary conditions of driving. Should the car skid, though, despite all your efforts to be careful, you can right it, or help to right it, by turning the steering wheel in the same direction as that in which the rear end is slipping. It is evident, of course, that this procedure may necessitate steering toward a ditch, when the rear swings in that direction; however, this is a consideration that makes it more necessary to take the curve cautiously at a safe speed.

Skidding at curves applies to both wet and dry road conditions. A straight road, of the crowned, or raised center variety, also can contribute to skidding even in dry weather. Ordinarily in driving along such a road you will straddle the crown instinctively in order to keep the car



to a curve at high speed or abruptly around another vehicle. Instead, learn to reduce your speed with the throttle a considerable distance in advance of the turn, and then make as wide a turn as possible. A good rule to remember is to make the movement of your steering wheel always proportionate to the speed of your car. You can turn the wheel

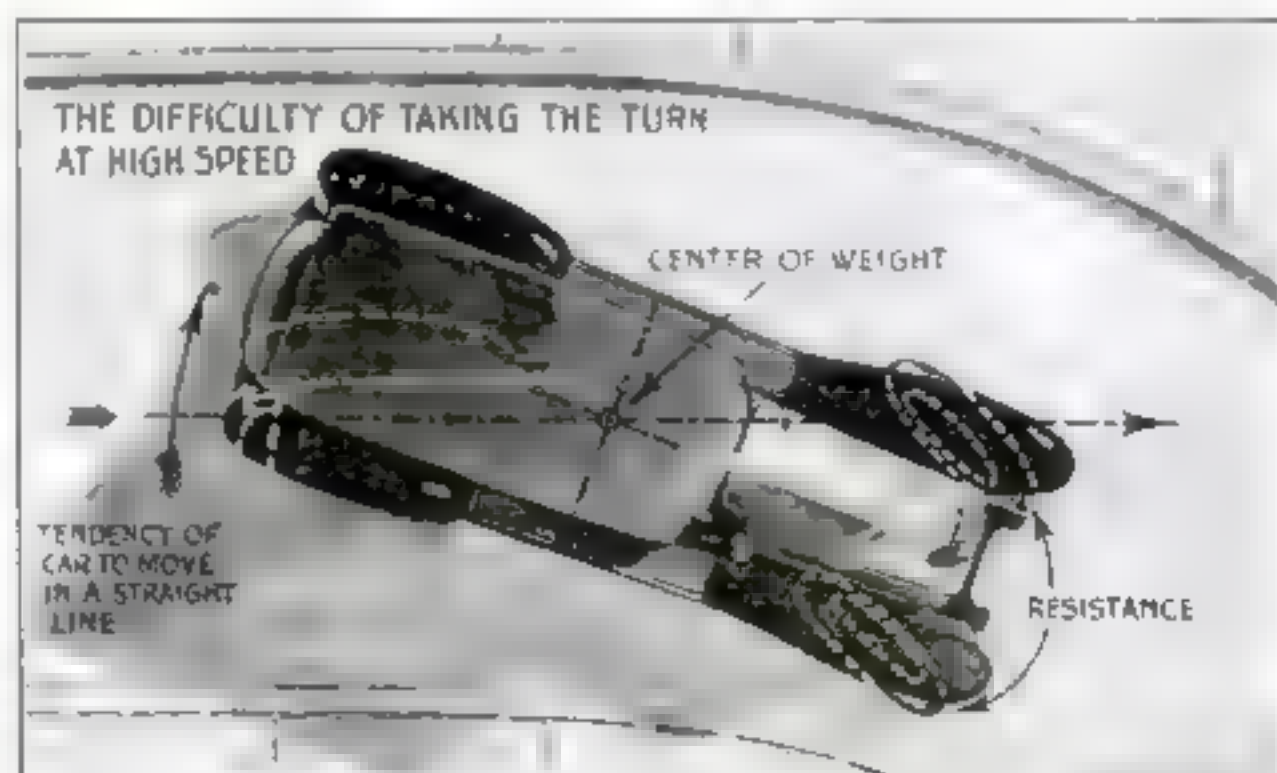
level. Sometimes, though, it will be necessary for you to turn out to permit another car to pass. Then look out for skidding! Slow down always when you leave the crown, for obviously the slanting car tends to slide over toward the ditch. So slow down, go into low gear until you are back astraddle of the crown again. If necessary, stop, and

**A** SKIDDING car, however, can't be stopped with its brakes. When you throw out the clutch and apply the brake, you lock the rear wheels. The wheels cannot rotate, the grip of the tires on the slippery roadway is slight, and the consequent difference in traction between the locked rear wheels and the revolving front wheels, coupled probably with an unequal distribution of weight in your car, causes a skid.

One fact must be appreciated by every owner—that no car has ever skidded without cause and the driver is almost invariably the contributor of the cause.

Underlying many instances of serious skidding is the nervousness of the driver. The terror of the sudden side swing robs the driver of his ready reasoning power, and a movement of the foot or hands brings on the skid with uncontrollable suddenness.

The thing to do is to drive slowly always on slippery roads—on any sort of



Why a sharp turn of front wheels at high speed will often cause an automobile to skid



then make your way back to the center of the road as cautiously as you can. If the road is of clay, and wet, take even greater precautions than those I have suggested.

Too much weight in the rear of the car contributes much to skidding. Closed cars likewise are more likely to skid, on account of the distribution of the weight, than open models, especially roadsters. If you study the movement of your car along the road, it will be evident that the farther forward and the more evenly distributed the load is, the more responsive the car will be to steering. When the most weight is over the rear wheels, the steering wheels, even though inclined in the desired direction, cannot readily control the weight to the rear of them. With the rear wheels locked and no defined direction of travel maintained by them, the heavy rear weight tends to take control over the front of the car.

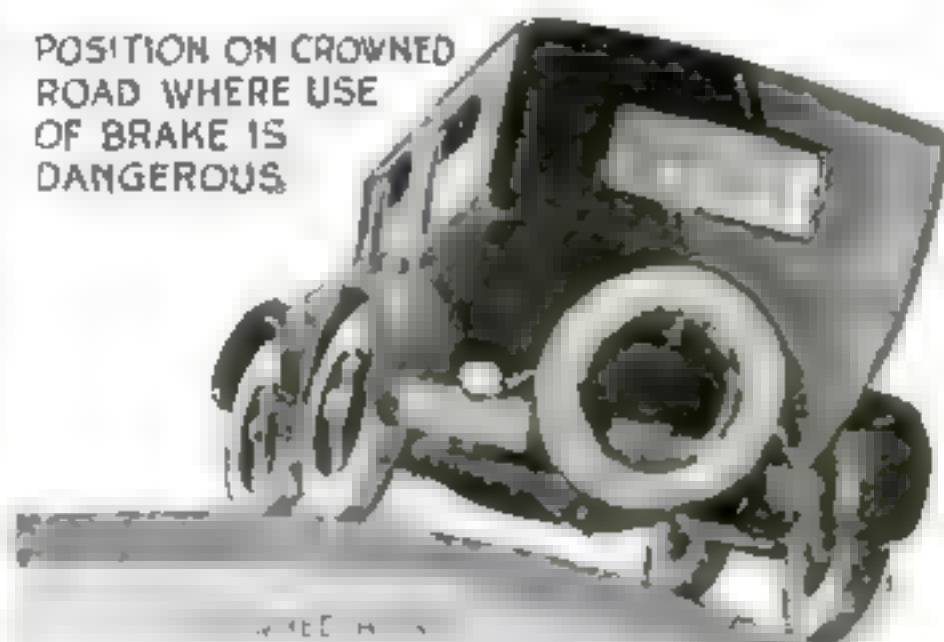
**T**HIS condition will be evident, especially when a car is proceeding on the side incline of a wet road. The locked rear wheels are restrained against forward movement, and obviously they cannot slide up toward the crown of the road. There remains but one thing for them to do, and that is to slide down, which they invariably do. The steering or front wheels are not locked and are free to roll forward. The result is that the rear of the car swings around to the front and possibly ditches the car.

It is desirable practice under every condition to carry passengers and equipment well forward in the car. Even spare tires and tools add a desirable forward weight, and the mounting of spare tires on the front fenders or the use of trunks, compartments and storage boxes forward

on the runningboards, is more desirable than having their weight at the rear.

Chains, of course, will lessen the likelihood of skidding. These are applied ordinarily only to the rear wheels, but there are extremely wet conditions under which the front wheels will not hold direction, when it is essential to carry chains on all four wheels.

POSITION ON CROWNED ROAD WHERE USE OF BRAKE IS DANGEROUS



OVER THE CROWN THE HEAVY REAR OF CAR SEEKS THE DITCH

Balloon tires are credited with having less tendency to skid than those that are probably true, but tires that are not too heavily inflated are tires that are best. They seem to have better tractive qualities. It is possible the greater area of rubber in contact with the road grips the potholes and projections, thus holding the car fairly steadily, while the high-pressure tire cuts and slips past all projections. One noticeable advantage of the soft tire is that it resists turning readily from its path or direction of rolling, thus tending to prevent a skid.

In wet-road driving, the foremost precaution is to avoid that sudden change in direction. Fairly good speed can be maintained on the straightaway, but to make an abrupt turn is always dangerous. Under-inflated or balloon tires, both of which resist or restrain the car in abrupt turning, undoubtedly are safeguards.

With them the road contact also is better, for the softer tires will not bounce off the road, leaving the rear end free to begin swinging.

Speed on turns is the force behind the skid, and the lower the speed the lower will be the force that inclines to skidding. Any abrupt change in direction, regardless of tire equipment or chains, must be at a slow speed, that the forces stored in the car will be controllable and so reduced that the tires can maintain traction.

**I**F YOU are inclined toward nervousness and are inexperienced in driving on wet roads, apply chains to all wheels, keep on the crown of the road, and under no circumstances swing the front wheels rapidly, unless the car is moving at a speed below five miles an hour.

The driver who faces the greatest danger of skidding is the one whose car never has skidded and who therefore remains blissfully ignorant of its hazards. He has experienced none of the feeling of absolute helplessness that comes over the man at the wheel when the car slips out of his control.

Remember that when I first drove a car on roads were make to me. Whether the road was wet, dry, oily, or dusty, it made no difference—I sailed along just the same under all conditions on the straightaway, and took the turns figuratively on one wheel.

Then one day, when the road was slippery after a slight rain and I was driving along a straightaway at about 25 miles an hour, a coal truck suddenly pulled in from a side street and started to cross directly in front of me. I turned the wheel sharply, at the same instant releasing the clutch and stepping hard on the brake—

**I** SHALL always remember vividly the sickening sensation as the wheels of my car refused to obey my hand. We spun around, my car and I, missing the truck on one side, and a telegraph pole on the other—by inches.

In less time than it takes to tell it, I had learned my skidding lesson. From that day I have taken no chances, for I know the possibilities of disaster that lie in slipping wheels.

And so, if you are one whose car never has skidded, take my tip and follow the simple precautions I have mentioned. They may save you from one of the costly accidents that bring tragedy to thousands of motorists each year.

### \$50 in Prizes

**H**AVE you a workbench in your home, and do you like to build useful things?

If so, turn to page 130 of the Home Workshop Department. There you will find the announcement of a prize contest that is sure to interest you.

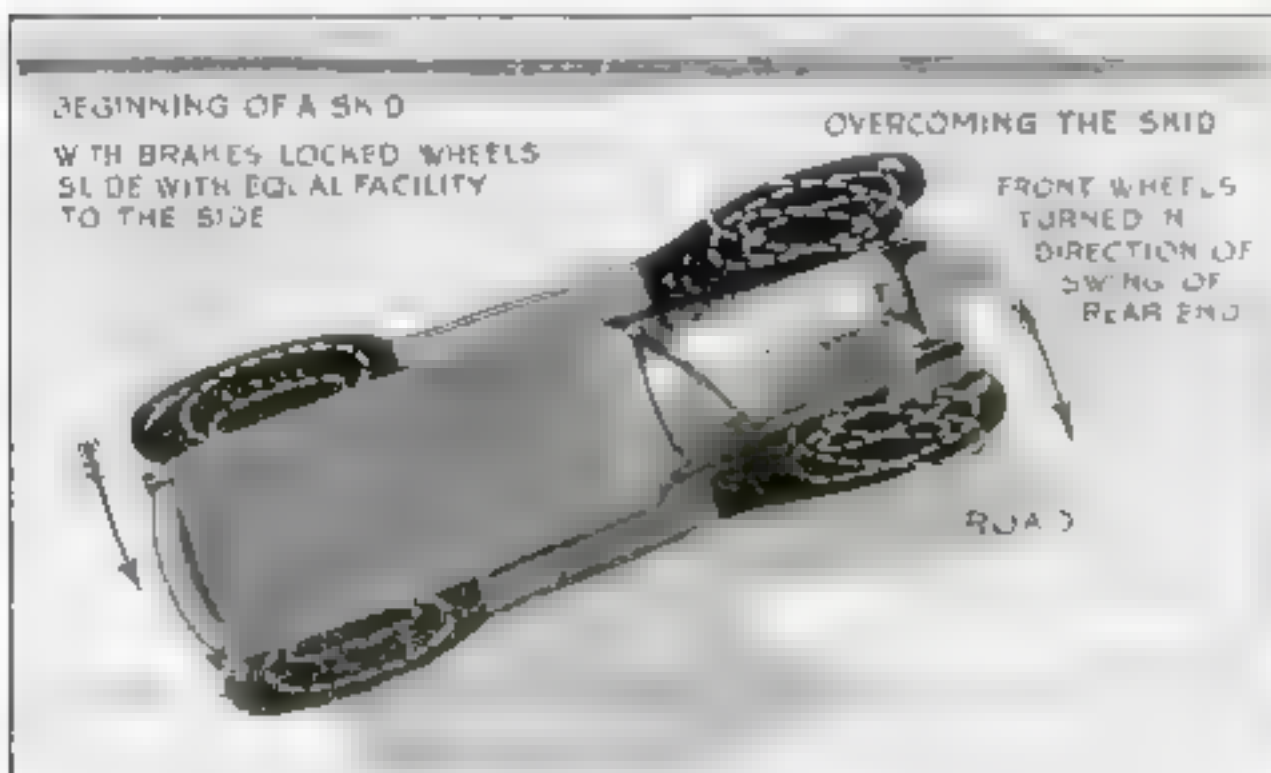
BEGINNING OF A SKID

WITH BRAKES LOCKED WHEELS SLIDE WITH EQUAL FACILITY TO THE SIDE

OVERCOMING THE SKID

FRONT WHEELS TURNED IN DIRECTION OF SWING OF REAR END

ROAD



Skidding of the rear wheels can be overcome by turning the front wheels in direction of skid



# Saving Auto-Repair Costs

## What the Car-Owner

**FINDING** it next to impossible to clamp a ball-socket cap on a vise for law, I made a convenient holder out of two old caps and two bolts as shown in Fig. 1. The old caps are gripped in the vise and the one to be filed is laid over them. If no vise is at hand the cap and holder can be rubbed over a file lying flat on the bench.—**LAWRENCE TONELL.**

**TO REMOVE** or replace a crankcase is a difficult and annoying job for one man. Jacking or blocking up the case helps, but is somewhat awkward and may cause dents in the bottom of the case. A better method is to use a few old springs and two or three lengths of guy-baling wire, or wire of equal strength (Fig. 2). On one job I saved an hour by this means.

No man-ban clips are provided, stiff pieces of heavy wire may be bent to the proper shape for attaching the supports and hooked or fastened to the springs or frame. The supports should be of a length to suit the car; the ones I used were 18 in. long.—**RICHARD C. TARR.**



Fig. 1. Filing a ball-socket cap

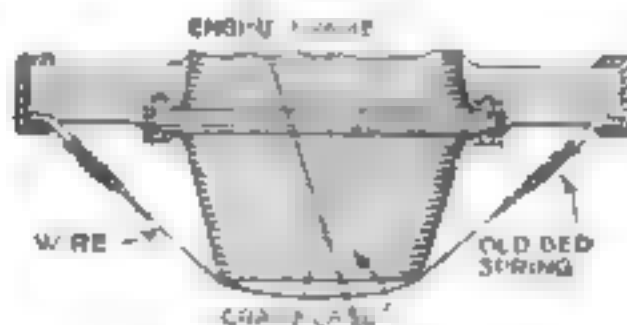


Fig. 2. While replacing the bolts, a crankcase may be supported with wires and springs

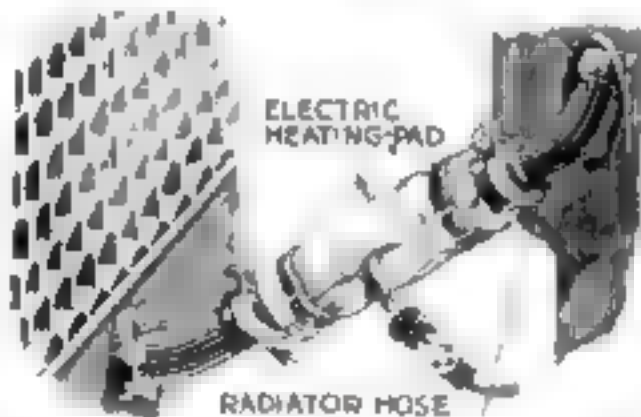


Fig. 4. Heating pad prevents radiator from freezing

**OWNERS** of corrugated sheet-metal garages often find that the cold penetrates them to such an extent that it is difficult to start the automobile on winter mornings. In the summer, too, these garages are apt to become very hot, to the detriment of the car's finish, as well as the tires, upholstery, and top.

One construction company, which carefully studied these objections to the otherwise economical, durable, and serviceable metal garage, has developed several types of inside sheathing.

Any handy man, however, can line his garage with easily and cheaply obtainable wallboard. It comes in large sheets and is nailed directly to the studding, as shown in Fig. 3. The corners are finished with quarter-round molding and a baseboard is nailed around the bottom. The cost often can be kept within \$15.—**GEORGE A. LIVERS.**

**WHEN** a garage is wired for electricity, it is a simple matter to wrap a heating pad around the lower hose connection, running from the water jacket of the engine to the bottom of the radiator,

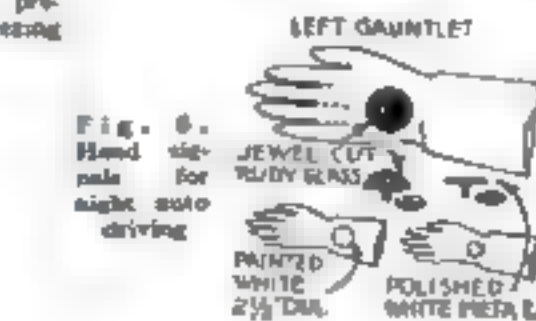


Fig. 6. Hand signal for night auto driving

as in Fig. 4. Two leather straps hold the pad in place and it may be covered with sheet asbestos, if desired.

The cord is shortened so that the half of the plug is only a few inches from the pad. The other half of the plug is connected by means of a long cord with a lamp socket. When you drive in on cold nights, put in the three-way switch on high, low or medium, according to the weather, and your car can be left in safety, as the pad is provided with an automatic thermostat, which prevents overheating.—**F. S. ROOT.**

## Can Do for Himself

**IN COLD** weather a good strong spark is necessary. To insure having one, the tester illustrated in Fig. 5 is valuable. Use it either with dry cells or storage battery while adjusting the vibrator to give a high-pitched buzz and regulate the spark plug gap until the strongest possible spark is given. I find this apparatus of help in winter and summer.—**CLYDE E. VOLKERS.**

**FOR** giving hand signals at night, the devices illustrated in Fig. 6 are excellent. One is a white disk painted on the left gauntlet, another is a polished disk of white metal, and the third is a small ruby lens, all of which reflect the light from any following car.—**A. G.**

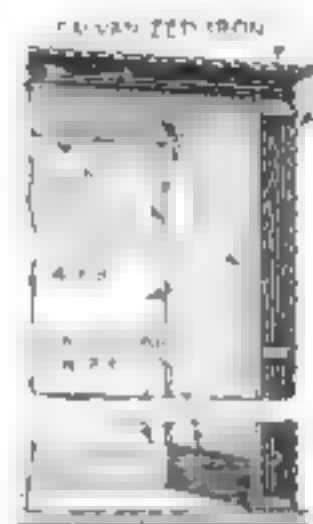


Fig. 3. How metal garage is lined

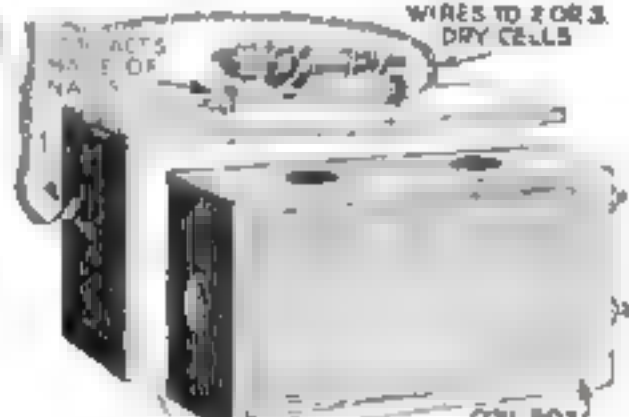


Fig. 5. Simple testing board for auto coil and spark plugs

**THE** annoying "cracking" and "snapping" of the spokes in wooden car wheels often can be prevented by turning a light spray from the hose on them at intervals to swell the wood. If the trouble is due to drying out of the wood, and not to short spokes or other cause, a permanent cure is made by soaking the wheel in linseed oil, and then painting.

**WHILE** on the road, the key driving the fan on my light car loosened up enough to allow the fan to slip forward and damage the radiator by constant rubbing. No one was dressed for a greasy re-

pair job, and the fan belt had to be left on to drive the pump, further damage to the radiator was prevented by twisting the fan blades to the opposite angle so that the "propeller" action tended to keep the fan against the rear bearing rather than to draw it forward into the radiator.—**HAROLD E. BENSON.**

**A RUSTY** rim is apt to cause slow leaks in an inner tube unless a "liner" is used. I find a good substitute for a regulation liner is a layer of friction tape wrapped around the rim. The turns of tape should be overlapped about 1/2 in. so as to form a continuous band around the rim except where a hole is cut through the tape for the tire valve. Two rolls of friction tape are sufficient for four rims and, of course, costs considerably less than ordinary liners.—**DONALD H. PALMETER.**





The

# Home Workshop

Arthur Wakeling, Editor

## How You Can Build a Snow Igloo

Imitating the Eskimo in Novel Sport for Snowdrift Days

**WITH** his right arm afire like a torch, an Eskimo boy burst screaming from a snow igloo. Lieut.-Comm. Green, U.S.N., busy with dog harness near by, seized the pain-crazed lad, smothered the flames, and doctored the burns so skillfully that they healed. In gratitude, the boy's father asked how he could repay so great a debt, for an Eskimo with a crippled hand is doomed to the endless torture of unescapable frostbite. "Show me how to build a snow igloo," was the reply. As a result Commander Green is one of the few white men, if not the only one, who can build an igloo as well and quickly as the most expert of the Eskimos. It is merely a matter of knowing a few simple tricks and these he has described in the following article.

By Fitzhugh Green

Cut a rectangle about 2 by 3 ft. slanting a bit toward the bottom. On the edge toward you, gouge out a trough 1 ft. wide and from 6 to 10 in. deep. This trough enables you to slide the knife blade back

132, place the last two blocks up-ended at the front right-hand corner. This gives you a starting slope for your spiral when you cut away a triangle as indicated by the dotted line. Start the succeeding row with a full block lengthwise. As you near the back wall, begin to slope the blocks slightly inward.

It is very important that edges be well fitted. An Eskimo does this by shaping his block as neatly as possible before lifting it into place. He then lays it gently on the underneath wall and slides it slowly against the preceding block. Holding it with his left hand he works his knife back and forth between its edges and those adjoining. Gradually it sinks into place. The soft snow



Careful fitting of the keystone block insures a self-supporting, blizzard-proof roof

*Photos courtesy American Museum of Natural History*  
Building the walls with blocks of snow joined closely and later welded by heat

and forth under the block your vertical cuts have outlined. Dislodge the block by a gentle kick or two in the horizontal crack. The other 50 blocks are easily cut, working from this space.

With your heel mark an ellipse 8 by 10 ft. on a smooth packed surface, sloping slightly, if possible, in the direction you wish your igloo to face. Lay a ring of blocks lengthwise, edge to edge, on this outline. As shown in the sketch on page



A completed igloo with ice window and vestibule for sheltering dogs and footgear

**A** SNOW igloo in some ways is the most remarkable dwelling constructed by man.

An igloo for 10 people can be built in 45 minutes. No tool is required except a long knife; no material save snow. Once finished, it will support three men on its roof. A cyclone could not demolish it. It is air- and water-tight, sound- and tempest-proof. It is warm, dry, light, durable, well ventilated, and clean. Its door has weather strips, but no hinges. Its window is transparent, but unbreakable. Its floor is marble-white and hard, yet can be replaced in 10 minutes.

Properly initiated into the mystery, any man can build an igloo the first time.

It is important to select proper snow. Find a drift packed hard by the wind. Test it by pushing your butcher knife into it. If the snow yields grudgingly, it will make good blocks.

### What the Mechanical Departments Offer You

**PAGES 93 to 133**—The Home Workshop, with 34 articles telling how to make furniture, toys, household conveniences, and novelties—a handbook for amateur mechanics—illustrated with 38 drawings and 26 photographs.

**Pages 134 and 135**—Shipshape Home Department.

**Pages 98 and 136 to 146**—The Better Shop Methods Department packed with time- and money-saving suggestions for the professional mechanic—17 illustrations.

**Special Handicraft Contest Announcement on page 130.**

powder loosened by his knife becomes, in effect, a mortar. Finally, with a thump of his knife hand, he drives the block firmly and tightly into its resting place.

Success with an igloo centers in the arch. And success is easy if one remembers the principle involved—that any domed structure is self-sustaining when its parts permit distribution of stress throughout the whole.

No snow block must be laid at an angle that puts its face out of line with the curving spherical surface of which it is an element when the igloo is complete. A few trials will show that as the spiral rises the walls may be sloped more and more sharply inward. Block faces in all cases above the first tier or two are beveled as the cover edges of a hollowed pumpkin or a pineapple cheese are beveled. This

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## Beautiful Salem Chest Easily Made

**Has no Difficult Joints to Puzzle the Beginner in Woodwork**

**I**F YOU are a relative beginner in woodwork and wish to astonish your family and friends by building a piece of furniture that will appear to be the work of an experienced craftsman, you cannot find a better project than the attractive Salem chest of drawers illustrated at the right.

Incidentally, few pieces of furniture are more appreciated. In almost every home there is room for another chest of drawers, and just now the low type, developed so beautifully by Colonial cabinetmakers, is becoming exceedingly popular.

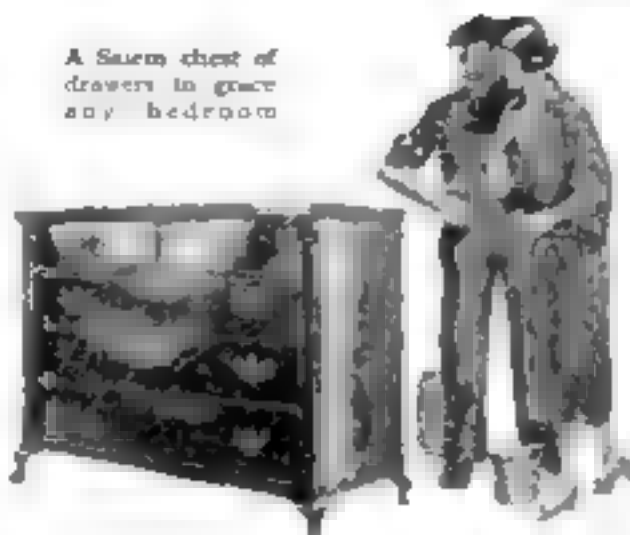
From the standpoint of construction, this piece is entirely unique. It is safe to say that never was designed a chest of drawers so distinguished for beauty and refinement of proportions and at the same time so simplified that it does not require the making of a single difficult cabinetmaker's joint.

There is not a mortised and tenoned, a dovetailed, a tongued-and-grooved, or even a rabbeted joint in the whole piece. Most of the parts are put together with butt joints, such as are used in common boxes. A few of the joints are plain miters, which can be cut in a miter-box with hardly any chance of error. Even the drawers, which the amateur usually dislikes to make because of the careful fitting that is required, do not call for any especial skill or knowledge of cabinet-making and joinery.

The main essential in constructing this chest of drawers is to study the drawings and bill of materials given later on until you have obtained a clear idea of the relation of the parts. Then buy a sufficient number of boards to make the chest. What you get will depend somewhat upon what your lumber dealer has in stock, but he will be glad to help you select stock that will cut to best advantage. Then cut all the main pieces to the correct dimensions as accurately as possible.

You will find that it is a simple matter to assemble the pieces. It is just like building a house of blocks, because the parts go together naturally. What little fitting becomes necessary as the work

A Salem chest of drawers in green  
any bedroom

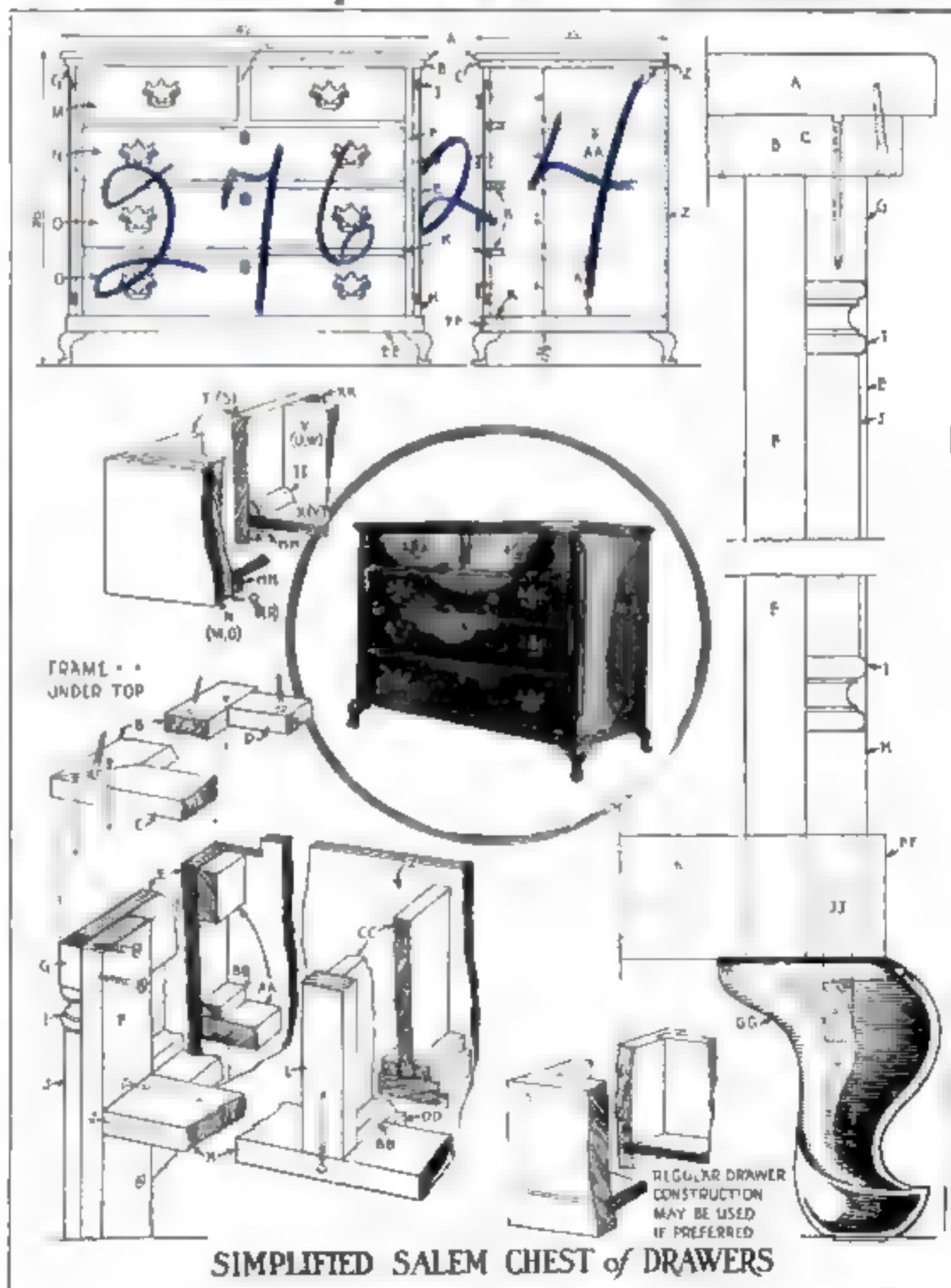


progresses, will be child's play in comparison to the work usually entailed in making a piece of furniture.

The exact size of each piece necessary in building this chest is given in the following bill of materials. Each item is lettered to correspond with the accompanying drawings. The dimensions are given in inches. The woodwork can be made of mahogany, gumwood, or any cabinet hard wood you prefer to use, except where otherwise noted.

4. Top of case,  $\frac{3}{4}$  by 21 by 42 either solid hard wood or plywood 1 required.

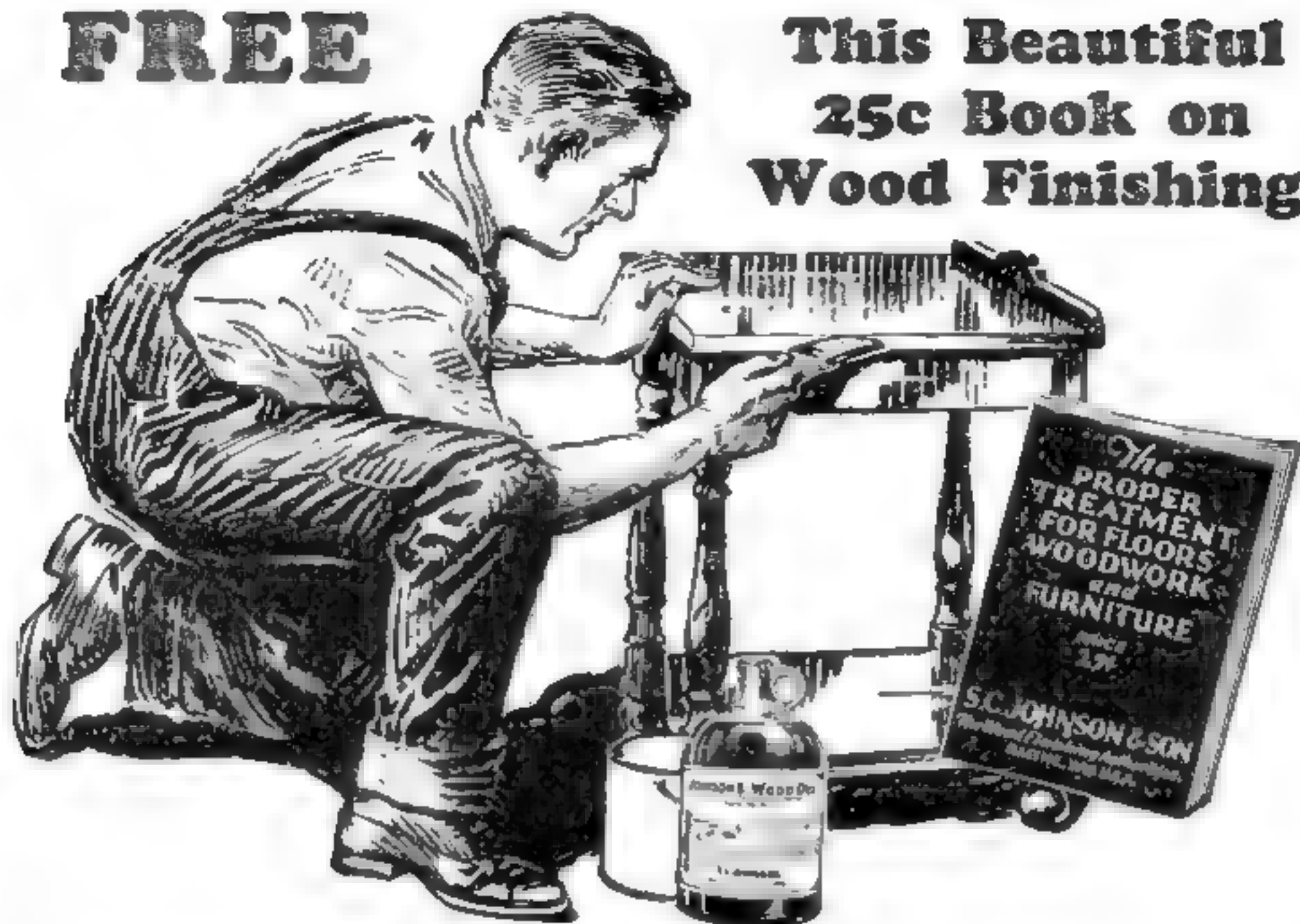
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# Making Removable Seat Cushions

## Easy Ways to Do Your Own House and Auto Upholstering

By William T. Weld

Shopwork Instructor,  
Central High School, Peoria, Ill.

A COMFORTABLE seat with a good cushion is a combination not always encountered. Office workers, draftsmen, motormen, and many others sit on hard stools that would be much less fatiguing if provided with cushions.

It is not always possible, however, to get a cushion that will fit the chair or stool you use. In that case you can make one yourself.

First determine the size, the kind of material you want for a cover, and the kind of stuffing with which to fill it. Figure 1 shows how a pattern is laid out for a cushion 1½ in. thick and 12 in. square. From this plan you can modify the dimensions to suit your own requirements.

For a cushion that is to have hard and continuous service, a cover of heavy material, such as canvas or artificial leather, should be used, while for porch swings, lawn seats, cedar chests, and the like, a good grade of cretonne will do.

Curled hair, which is the best material for stuffing, is rather expensive, so kumuk, cotton or Spanish moss can be used. Moss makes a light cushion, is inexpensive and does not pack down readily from continued use.

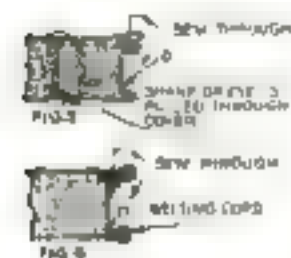
To determine the total length of the material needed, add twice the desired length and twice the desired thickness to the sum of the figures representing the amount of material needed for folding in the seams, usually 2½ in. To determine the total width of the material needed, add twice the desired thickness plus the width to the sum of the figures representing the folded material, which in this direction will be 2½ in.

AFTER you have your material cut to these over-all dimensions, start from the left edge, B, Fig. 1, and measure over as indicated until the right edge, B, is reached. A pin may be inserted for reference on each line as it is measured off. Make all your measurements accurately and be sure that all corners are laid off square.

The same procedure is done from edges C to A. Then cut with a pair of scissors or a sharp knife on all the lines indicated by the heavy lines of the drawing.

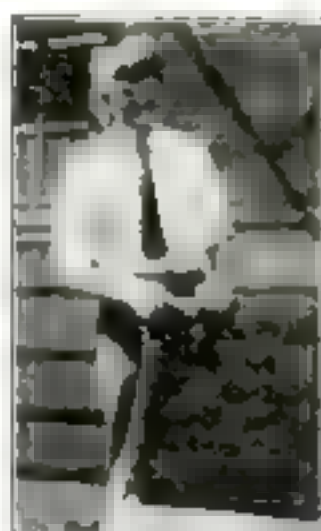
You are now ready for the stitching. The use of a sewing machine makes a neater job, but with a little care and patience a good cushion may be made by hand.

Figure 5 shows how a section of this type of cushion

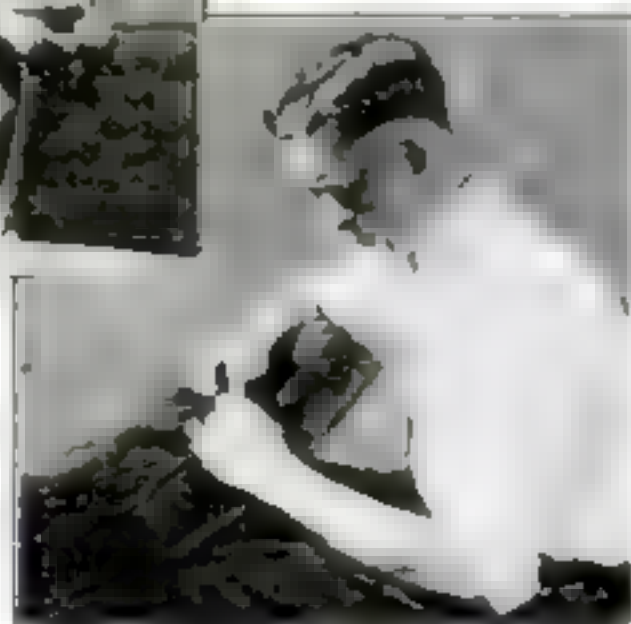


Two methods of making the seams

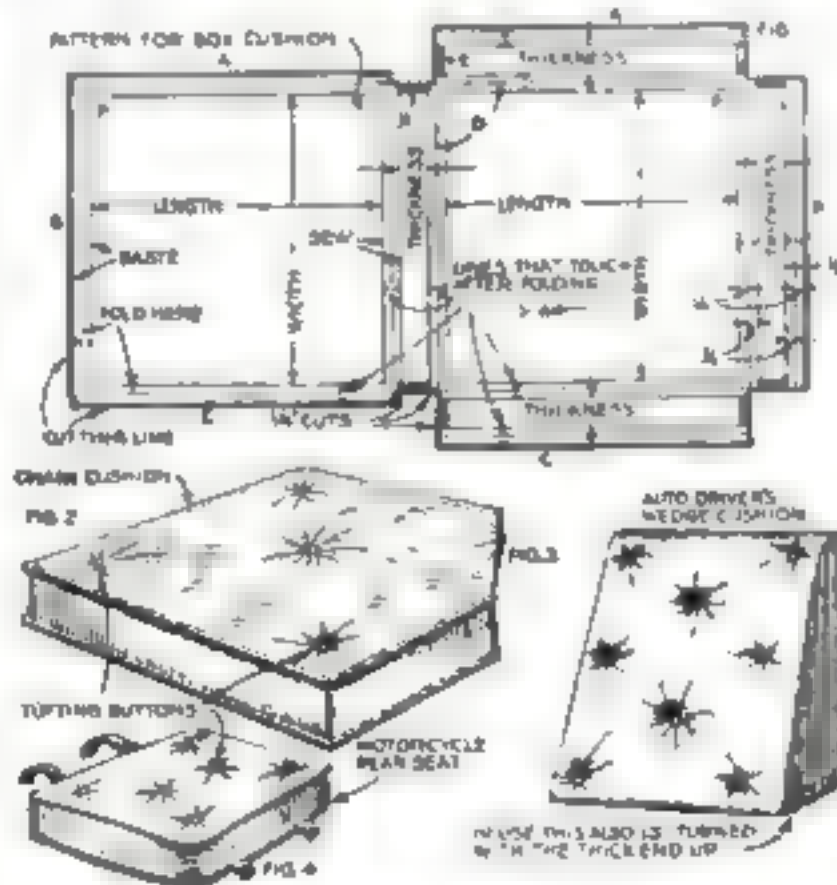
will look. As shown at D in Fig. 1 and in Fig. 5, the lower loops or seams are sewed permanently, after being folded properly,



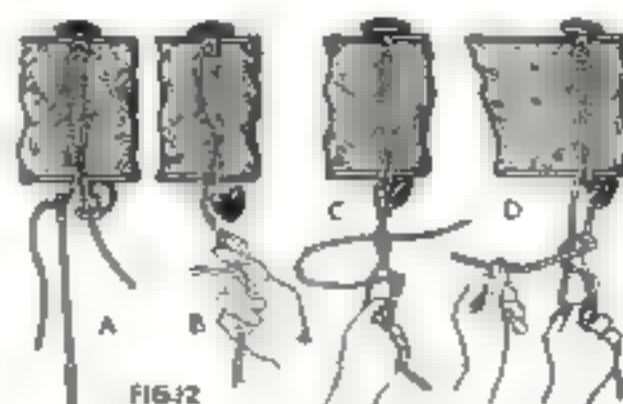
No one knows better than Mr. Weld the tricks of doing simple upholstery and chair repairing. His next articles will tell how to recase chairs and repair upholstery of various kinds.



Tying on a button with a tufting knot (above) and (below) sewing up the stuffing opening



Pattern for a straight side or box cushion, a removable chair cushion, and motorcycle and auto cushions



Steps in tying an upholsterer's tufting knot

while the seams at A, B, and C are first basted or pinned temporarily in the proper position. The purpose of this folding is to conceal the raw edges of the material and to make a finished edge that will wear well. The loop formed also serves to hold welting cord in place if you desire to use it (Fig. 6).

The seams marked D are first sewed, then the vertical sides are folded up and the flaps E turned in together, and the corners are stitched from the inside. Next, fold the upper surface (C, B, A) into place, which will take a position so that one F will be directly over the other F, thus really forming a cloth lid to the box cushion you are making.

Proceed to stitch this into place, as shown in Fig. 5, and continue around three sides and about two-thirds of the way along the fourth side. The stuffing then is put through this opening, after which it is sewed up.

This method of making a box cushion has the advantage of keeping your material all in one piece and that all of the stitching, with the exception of the vertical corners, is done from the outside.

Figure 8 shows a method used by upholsterers. In this the welting cord is covered first by a narrow strip basted in place, and then stitched between one vertical edge and one surface. These are held together as shown and stitched from the wrong side of your material. This is done at all seams, an opening being left for the purpose of putting in stuffing; then the whole cushion is turned right side out. An edge seam of this type appears as shown in Fig. 9.

FIGURE 10 shows a simpler method, with the cord omitted. The top and bottom pieces are cut to proper size, the vertical edge is cut in one long strip of the proper width and length and sewed together at the end. The edges of adjacent and corresponding surfaces are then placed as shown in Fig. 10 and stitched about ¼ in. from the raw edge. This is done all the way around on both the top and bottom surfaces. The cover then is turned right side out, as explained before. Figure 11 shows how this seam looks when finished and turned.

The stuffing is pushed through the opening left at one edge. Take a small amount each time and work it well into all the corners with a long narrow stick or by putting your arm through the opening and using your fingers.

Fill the cushion until the center is about twice as thick as you really want it. You are then ready to tie



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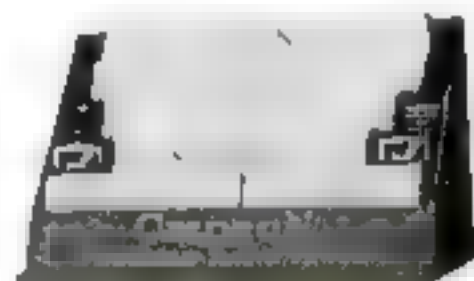
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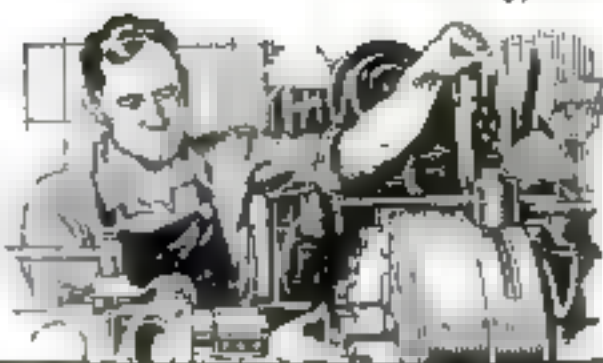


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# Better Shop Methods

How Expert Mechanics Save Time and Labor



## Secrets of Success in Grinding

What Every Machinist Should Know about Abrasives



H. L. Wheeler

**T**HE art of finishing metal surfaces by grinding is a branch of metal working with which you should be familiar if you are connected in any way with machine-shop work.

While grinding has been in use almost as long as the practice

of hardening of metals and tools, and probably was first used in connection with the reduction of metal that had been hardened, such as axes, tools, and machine parts requiring to be finished after hardening, the practice has grown enormously. Today machine parts of various metals, whether hard or soft, are finished by the grinding process.

The finish produced by grinding is a superior one. The grinder is in a class by itself, when compared with the lathe, milling machine, shaper, or planer. For rapid production of finished surfaces, the grinder cannot be excelled by any other machine. And so it is that the grinder is becoming a real factor in machine-shop practice.

The amount of metal removed by grinding is, of course, small. The advantage lies in the fact that very little pressure is required to remove the metal. The liability of distorting the finished

By H. L. Wheeler  
Machine-Shop Foreman

lasting finish. A good grinding machine operator requires the ability to do first-class work only through several years' experience with the various kinds of grinding machines. And in many cases

knew just how to "baby" it to turn out a good roll. As he was a man well along in years, several attempts had been made to break in new men, but they all gave it up in disgust. This was, of course, an exceptional case.

As this is the day of specialists in the machine business, there are specialists in grinding—men who make it their life work. And with constant practice they get to know all about speeds and feeds, grind-wheels, and all the ins and outs of the grinding business. But almost every machinist is called upon occasionally to tackle grinding jobs. If his knowledge is well founded, he need not feel nervous about going ahead.

Perhaps the most puzzling problem is the selection of the proper wheel for the job in hand. Wheels are made in many grades, sizes, and shapes. The grade or grit is designated by a letter or number, with reference to size of the grit of which the wheel is composed and the hardness or softness of the bond that holds the grit in place.

The particles of grit represent many thousands of cutting points. A grinding machine that is equipped with the right wheel for the work

in hand and working under normal conditions will remove a given amount of metal more rapidly than any other process.

The manufacturers of grinding wheels are experimenting constantly to improve

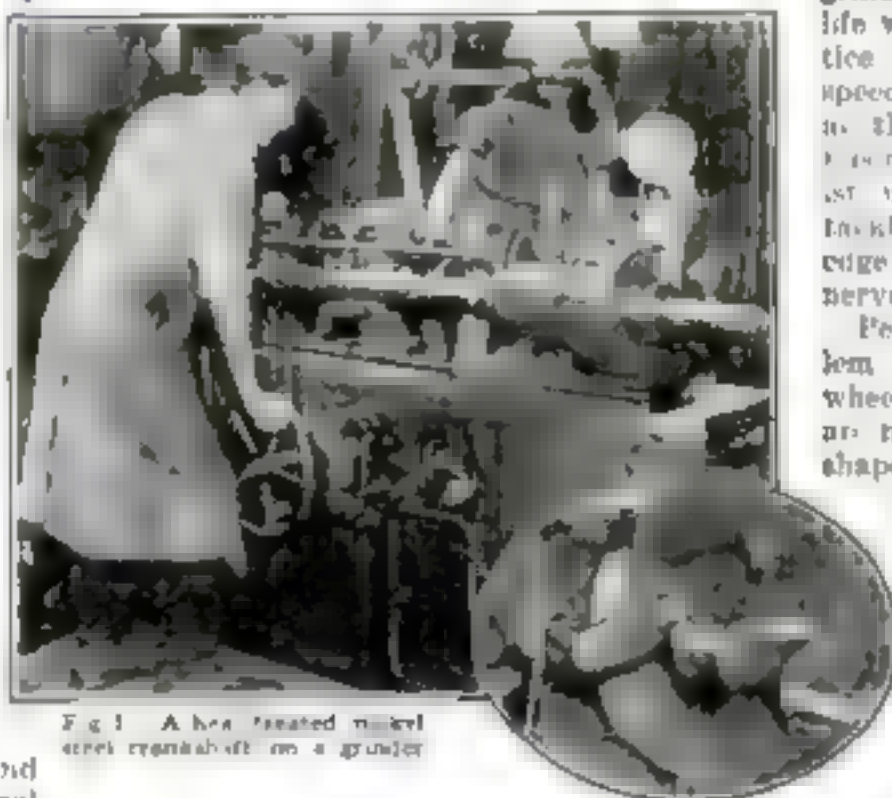


Fig. 1. A heat-treated nickel steel crankshaft on a grinder.

the man must be "acquainted" with the machine. Grinding machines develop certain peculiarities that often result in spoiled work until the operator has learned all of the little weaknesses inherent in the machine, if it be an old one, or the stiffness that is often noticeable in a new machine.

I remember a job of grinding rolls for paper machines in a shop I was connected with a few years ago. The machine was designed for this particular job, but had been in service many years and was badly worn. There was just one man in the shop who could turn out satisfactory work on the machine. He had become so accustomed to the old grinder that he

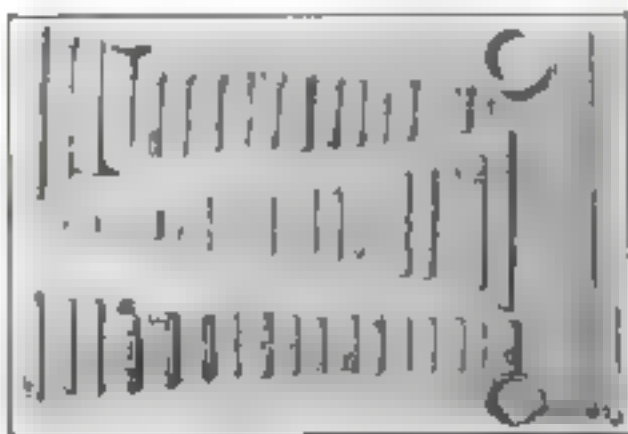


Fig. 3. Samples of the work done by the recently developed method of centerless grinding.



Fig. 2. Feeding bushings into a new centerless grinder. The work passes between two wheels.

place is thus reduced to a minimum.

This is well demonstrated in finishing a very long shaft by the grinding method and finishing a similar shaft by turning in a lathe. Careful inspection of the two shafts will reveal the fact that the ground shaft is straighter and more uniform in diameter, and has a brighter and more



Fig. 4. A modern hydraulic traverse grinding machine used for finishing long work.

their product and are discovering new and better ways to grind. Careful records are kept of each experiment and

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**DON'T** fail to turn to pages 136-146, where you will find the continuation of the Better Shop Methods Department.





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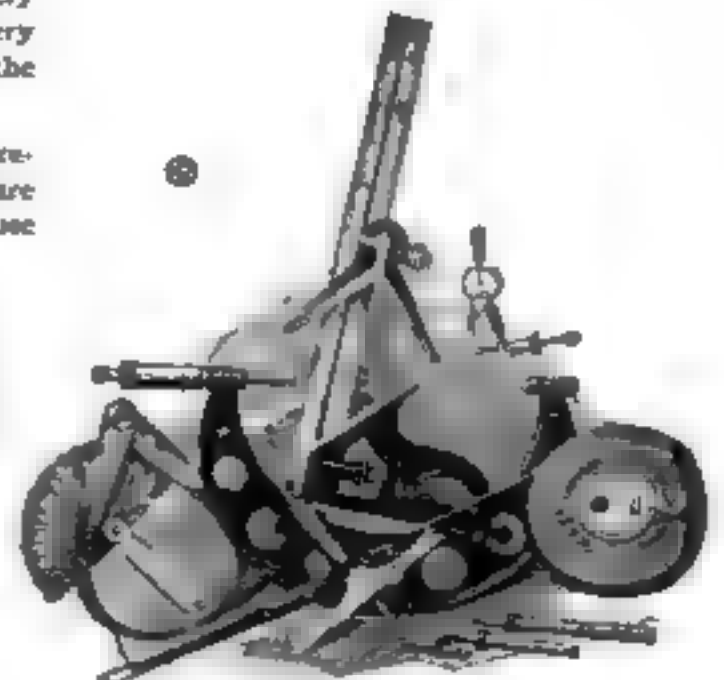
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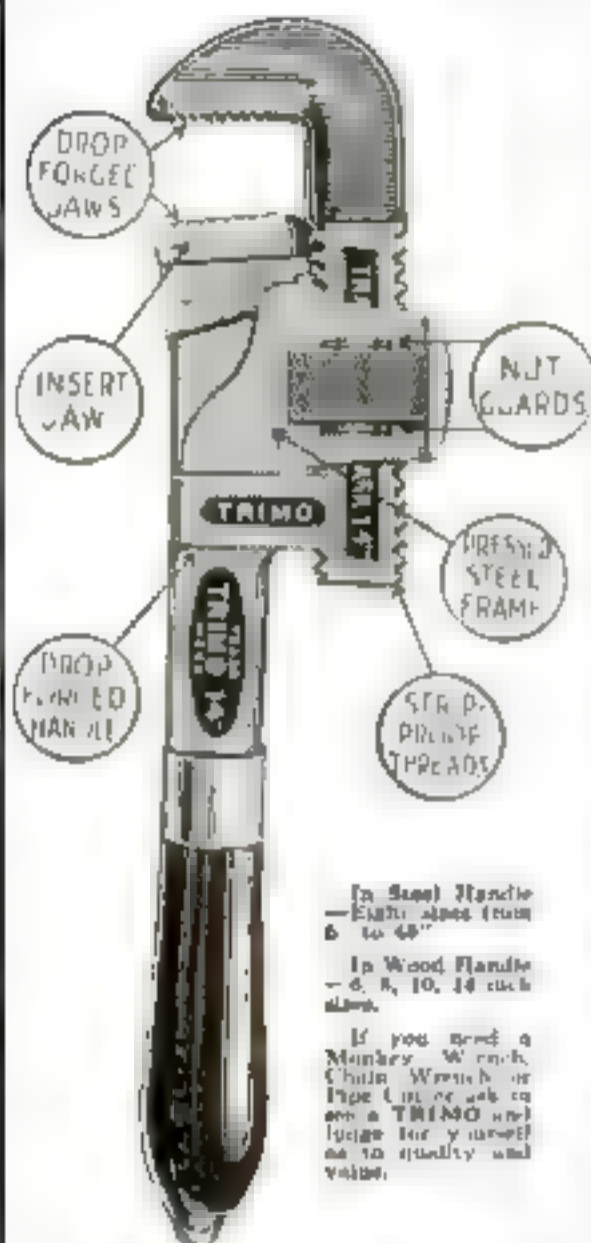
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By A. E. Elling

common edge joint.

The bail is removed from the glue-pot and the turning is fastened loosely with screws through the holes in the bail ears. The turning should not be so large nor fit so tightly in the pot that the glue cannot drain back freely.

For long pieces a helper is required to



The glue is spread by a round wooden form which revolves in the top of an ordinary glue-pot.

left on the face of the work, because of the unequal brush distribution.

The glue reservoir is merely a large outer glue-pot, which is filled with hot glue from another container as often as necessary. This pot is set into the head of an empty nail keg, which is ballasted with junk iron or other weighty material.

The glue is spread by means of a wooden turning which revolves freely. This may be plain or shaped to suit a tongue-and-grooved, rabbeted or any other style of

hold up one end as the work is pushed over the spreader.

Any one accustomed only to the brush method of applying glue will be surprised at the neatness, quickness, and cleanliness of this inexpensive machine.

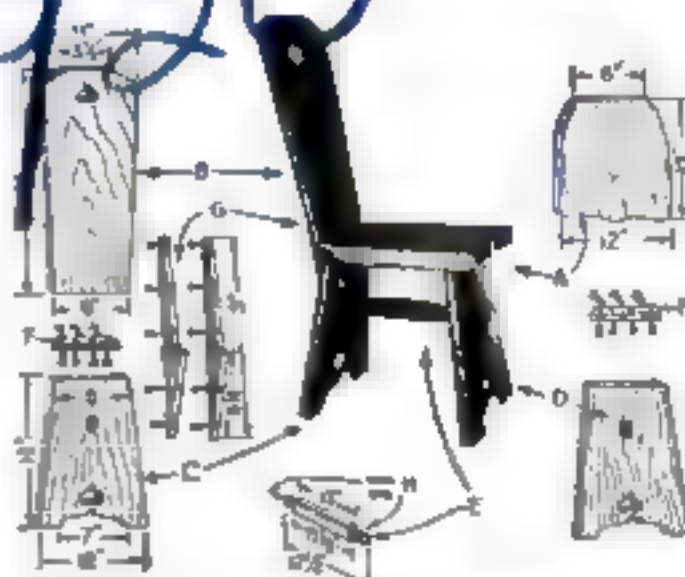
**I**N RESPONSE to many requests from readers, POPULAR SCIENCE MONTHLY has in course of preparation a series of noteworthy articles on simplified model making.

## How to Build a Dutch Crafts Hall Chair

**T**HE Dutch crafts chair illustrated is built on simple although unique lines. It is easy to draw one side of a heart, but to add the other side symmetrically is more difficult, so I suggest that you draw one side, cut it out, and use it as a template for drawing both sides of each of the ornaments. After making the outlines, bore a small hole in each to start the blade of a coping saw or fretsaw.

The necessary material, except the seat, may be gotten from a board, straight, well-seasoned oak or poplar board 12 in. wide,  $\frac{3}{4}$  in. thick and 8 ft. long. To preserve the lines, however, the seat, A, should be  $1\frac{1}{4}$  in. thick.

The heart-shaped openings cut in B, C, and D are 2 by  $2\frac{3}{4}$  in. You will find

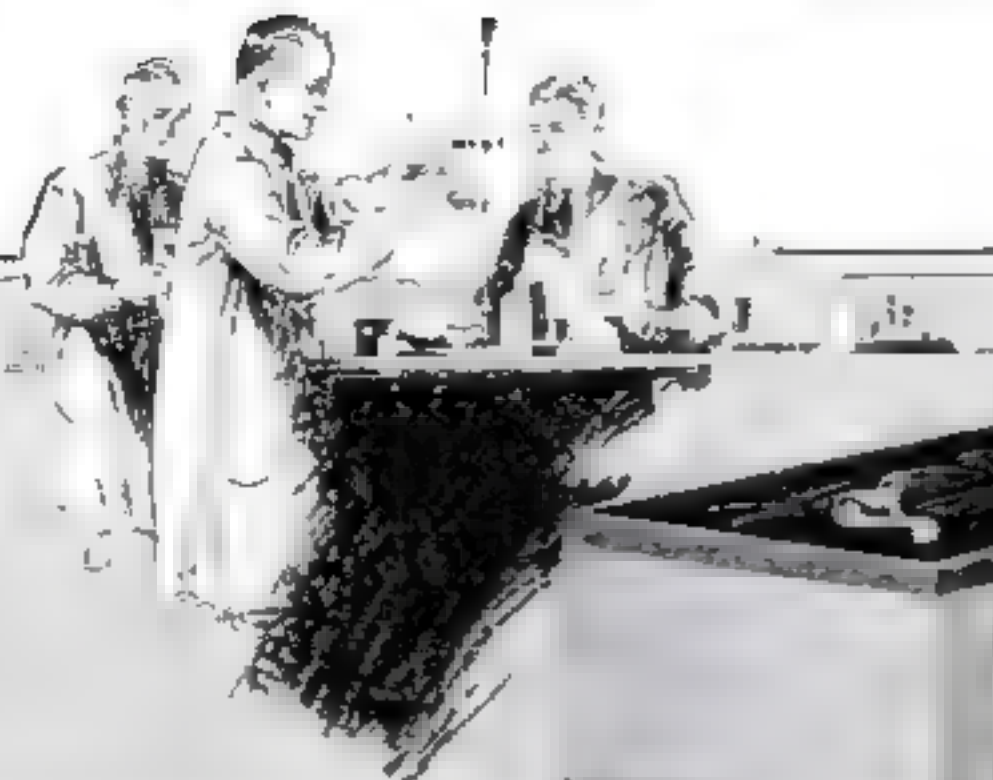


This sturdy little chair calls for only a few simple parts in its construction and is easily built.

Brace E is 1 by  $1\frac{3}{4}$  by  $17\frac{1}{4}$  in. Tenons are cut

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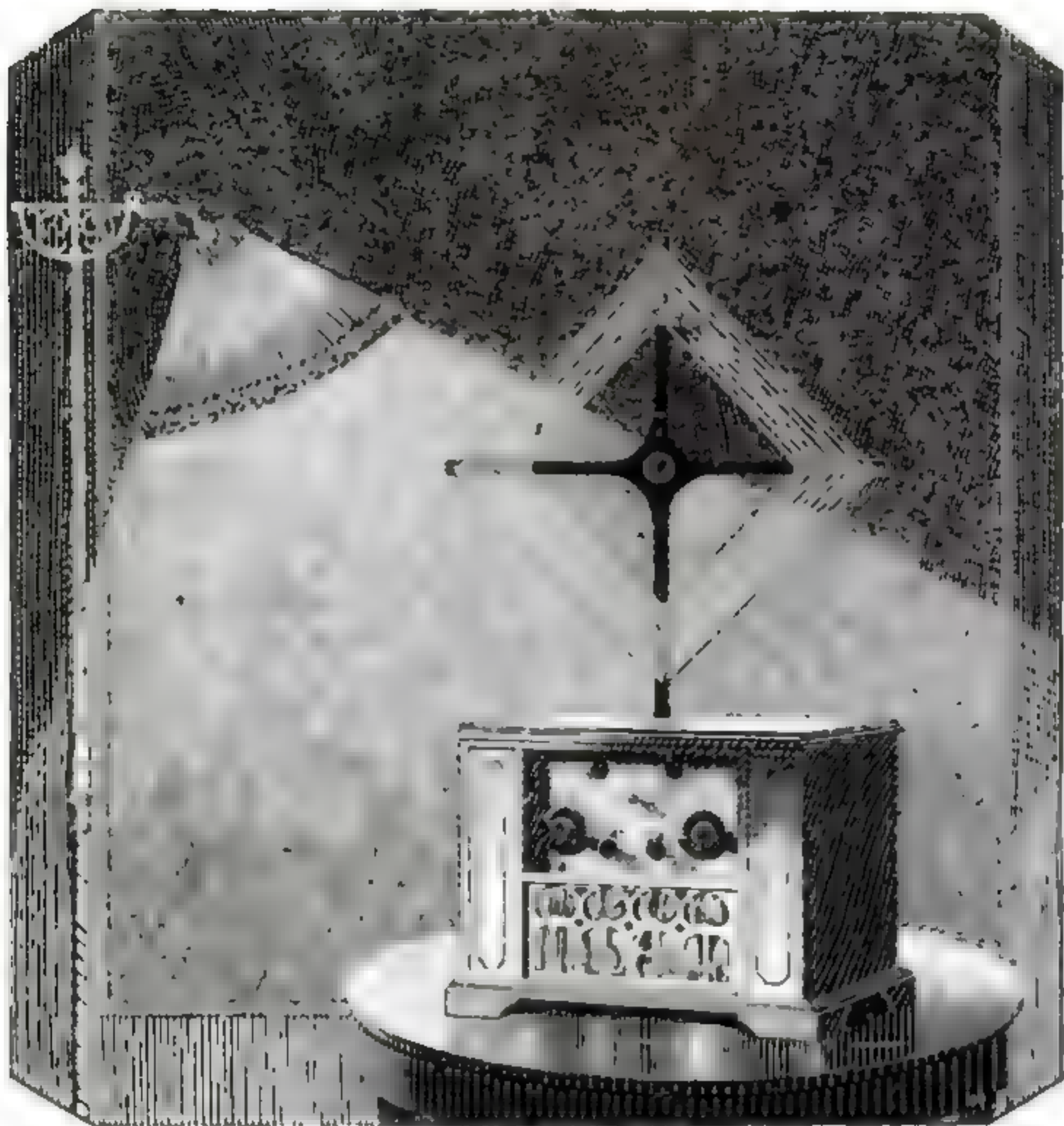
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## How to Cut an Attractive Archway

**I**N MANY sections of the country, especially where architects of the first rank have influenced the design of small homes, it is now the custom to connect the living-room with the dining-room by means of a large, plastered opening without doors or portieres.

If properly designed, such arches lend simple dignity to the rooms. They make more convenient the handling of guests at entertainments and give the effect of a single large room, while affording corners for the gathering of small, congenial

By Edwin M. Love

or else the "spring"—the beginning of the

curve—will be on a level with the doors and windows of the two rooms involved.

The design and location being settled upon, lay out plumb lines on the partition. Cut the plaster to the line with a cold chisel and hammer and remove to a point 2 in. below the ceiling or 1 in. below the picture molding. Then cut away the lath with a compass saw. For structural reasons it is best to make these side cuts 2 in. inside the side studs.

Remove the debris, carefully punch a hole in the plaster on the opposite side near the floor, and repeat. Next, determine if the ceiling joists bear on the partition; if they do, shore them up in both rooms by forcing smooth planks against the ceilings with two-by-fours that rest on suitable blocks on the floor.

Cut the studs off on a level  $4\frac{1}{2}$  in. above the finished height of the opening



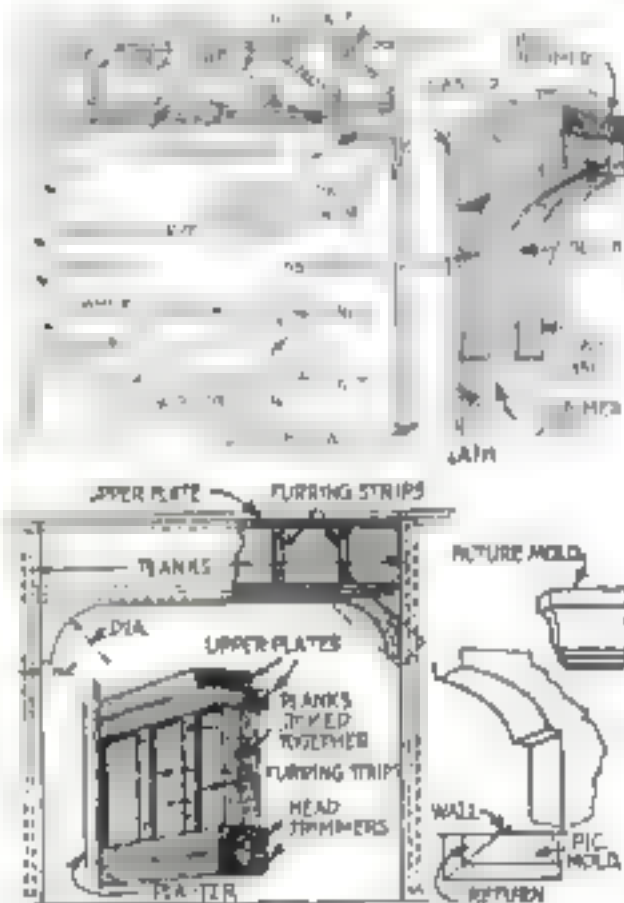
Plastered archways like this are becoming increasingly popular in well-designed small homes.

groups. They also afford better opportunities for a unified scheme of interior decoration and an artistic arrangement of furniture.

By reason of their adaptability to a variety of shapes and sizes of rooms, and the ease with which they can be built, arched openings can be constructed by any man reasonably familiar with the use of carpenter's tools. The procedure is largely the same, whether sliding doors, French doors, or single doors are to be removed in favor of the arch.

In designing the opening, attempt to center it on one or both of the rooms, although this may be impossible. Balance is the thing to consider, as well as the relation of the archway to doors, windows, and furniture.

The arches best suited to this work are illustrated. Simplicity should be the keynote, as any attempt at elaboration is almost certain to result in poor design. For most houses the ellipse is preferable. Try to make the opening noticeably narrower or wider than it is high; and take care that either the top of the arch



Two methods of framing an arch, how to lay an ellipse and some other helpful details.

and remove them. Cut two trimming headers out of stock the same size as the studding, making them equal in length to the distance between the side studs. Spike them solidly together and drive up against the "cripples," or short studding above. In case these cripples are less than 1 ft. long, it is advisable to remove them also and substitute two planks of suitable width spiked together and forced up against the plate edgewise, the trimmer in turn being secured to it. Spike the ends to the side studs and double the latter by cutting extra studding to a driving fit under each header end. Nail all securely.

The ceiling shores now may be removed. Using  $1\frac{1}{2}$ -in. or 2-in. pine stock, lay out the necessary curves,

(Continued on page 124)





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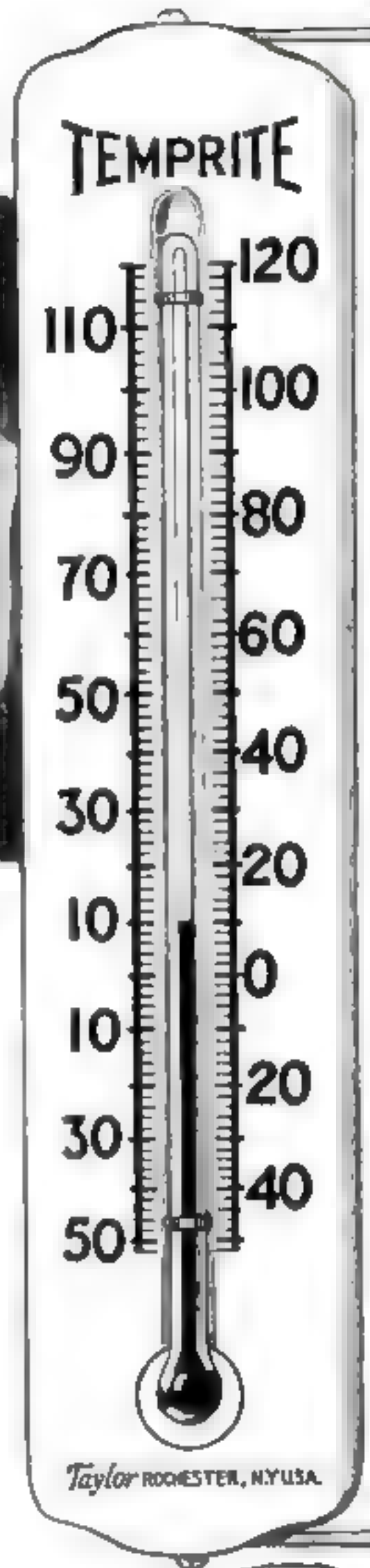
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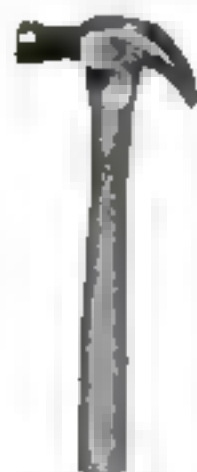
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## The Home Workshop

### Snowball Press for Winter Battles

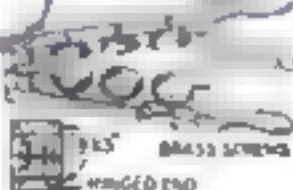
WHEN sides are lined up for a good, old-fashioned snowball battle, the team that usually wins is the one best able to hurl over the ammunition. This depends upon the supply of snowballs.

The press illustrated has been designed to turn out round-shaped snowballs in large quantities. As they are piled up, the men doing the actual throwing can press them quickly into usable use and hurl them at the opposing side. One man with a press can keep half a dozen combatants supplied with potential snowballs for defense.

To make a press, first choose three round coconuts and saw them in half. Remove the meat and set the shells aside to dry thoroughly. Meanwhile make two levers from hard wood  $\frac{3}{8}$  in. thick and 3 in. wide. Handles

should be shaped at one end of each and a hardwood block screwed to the opposite end. The total thickness of the two blocks should be slightly greater than the diameter of one of the cocoanuts. Then hinge the blocks together as shown.

Drill a small hole in the exact center of each half coconut shell, being careful to keep the proper pairs of shells together. Then fasten three halves to the inside of one of the levers and the corresponding halves to the inside of the other lever so that when the levers are closed the halves will meet exactly. Use brass or galvanized screws. Oil the completed press with linseed oil. In preparing ammunition for battle it is advisable to pile up a heap of light snow in a position where the ammunition makers will be protected. They scoop up snow in their presses, squeeze the handles together, and turn out the snowballs.



The press "roughs out" snowballs very quickly

### Speedy Coaster Has Corrugated-Iron Bottom

COASTING sleds and double runners are always more or less expensive to build. The coaster I am going to describe, however, is one that can be constructed very cheaply.

The running surface is composed of a sheet of old corrugated iron roofing nailed to a flat board surface with the seat mounted just above it by two blocks. It is steered by means of a "rudder" operated by a steering wheel mounted at the front. The wheel can be picked up for a few cents at any second-hand auto yard.

This coaster is especially fast and it must be steered with caution because of the long run of the bottom. With four or five passengers, it will be found a steady and speedy conveyance and one that will furnish lots of fun for the builder.

The foundation for the iron is either one board 18 in. wide and 9 ft. long or, better and cheaper, two boards cleated together. Cut out four curved forms as indicated from good, strong wood about 10 in. wide. Cut a notch at the front end of each, as shown.

Nail the four forms to the edges of the bottom boards and connect them in the notches at the front by means of a cleat. Then turn the frame over and nail a sheet

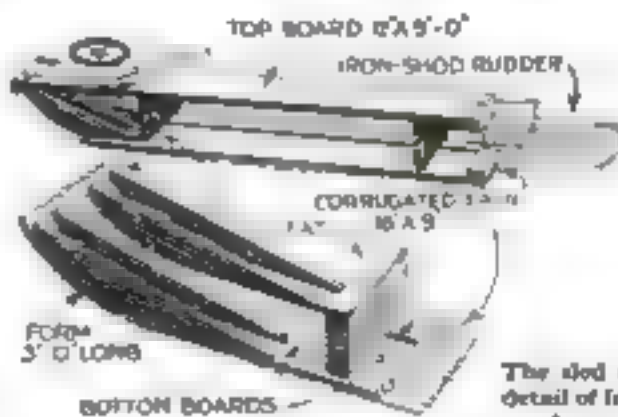
of clean-surfaced corrugated iron to the under side so the corrugations run lengthwise. Use flat-headed nails and drive them through the hollows of the iron.

When it comes to turning the iron up the sweep of the forms, bend it gently and nail frequently as you go along so that it will not crinkle or have sharp breaks in the corrugations.

Next, spike two blocks to the frame as supports for the seat board. These should be at least 12 in. high and well fastened. The seat is a plank 12 in. wide and 12 ft. long, with the corners beveled off as a finish. Nail it to the blocks so that the front end comes flush with the cleat across the ends of the forms, to which it also should be nailed.

The coaster is steered by a "rudder" made of strong wood of the shape indicated. The bottom edge should be shod with strap iron and the back edge fitted with a shaft to fit in two holes, one in the bottom board cleat and the other in the seat. An iron tiller rod is forced through the center of the rudder.

Make a wooden drum and fasten it to the shaft of an old auto steering wheel. Then run strong lines from the tiller ends and after connecting them make several turns about the drum.

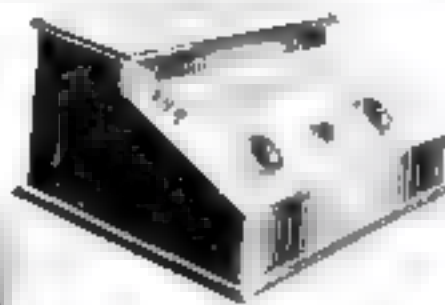


The sled and detail of front form



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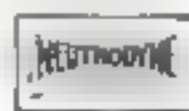
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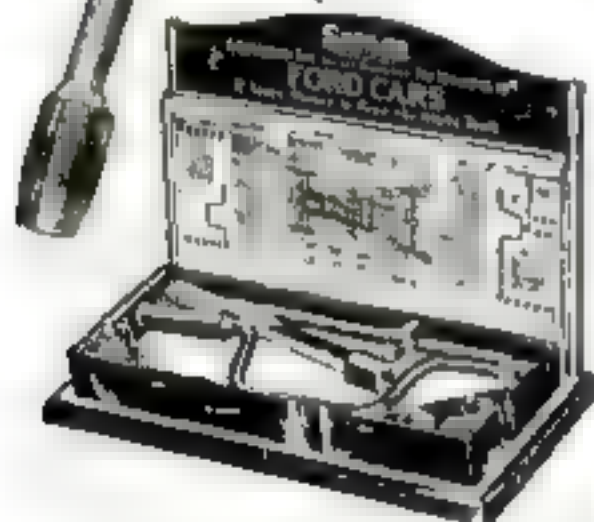


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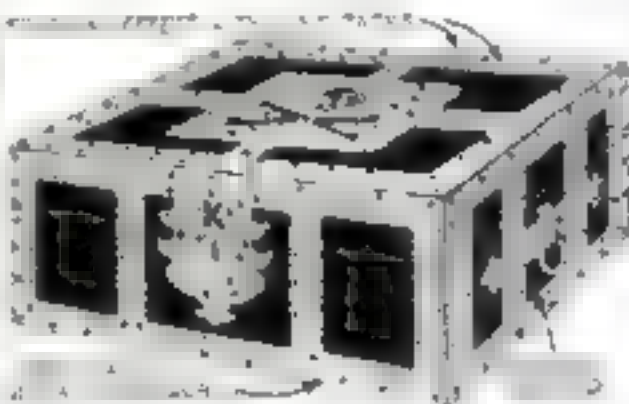
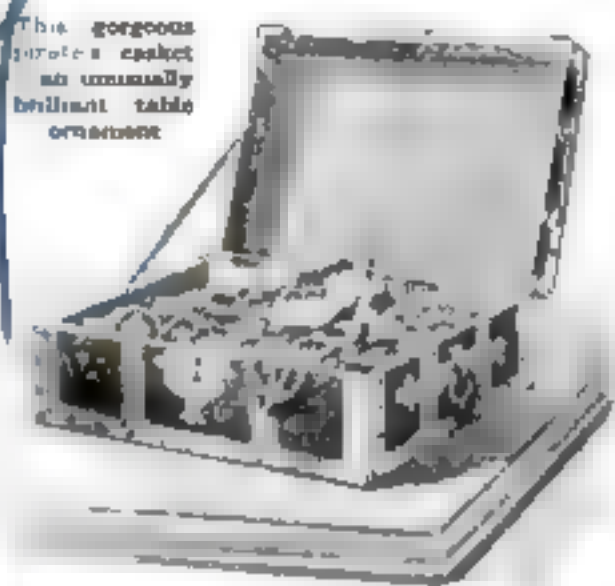
## THE HOME WORKSHOP

### Easily Worked Sheet Lead Used to Ornament Treasure Chest

IN THE studio of a certain New York artist, whose work is well known in the readers of POPULAR SCIENCE MONTHLY, there was a table that always had a rather bare and commonplace appearance amid its rich and colorful surroundings. "Do you know what I think that table needs?" the artist remarked to a friend one day. "It needs a pirate's chest, brimming over with old jewelry, coins, and stones."

Instead of going out and buying a jewel case or an ornamental box to carry

This gorgeous pirate's casket is an unusually brilliant table ornament.



The hand-wrought metal on this chest is sheet lead fastened with cut gimp tacks.

out this idea, the artist hunted around and found an old oak sketching case of about the right size. He removed the partitions, cleaned out the inside, replaced a missing hinge, and fastened a heavy brass chain to hold the lid from flopping backward.

Next he visited a plumbing shop in the neighborhood and bought some thin sheet lead. At a hardware store he obtained a supply of gimp tacks. Returning

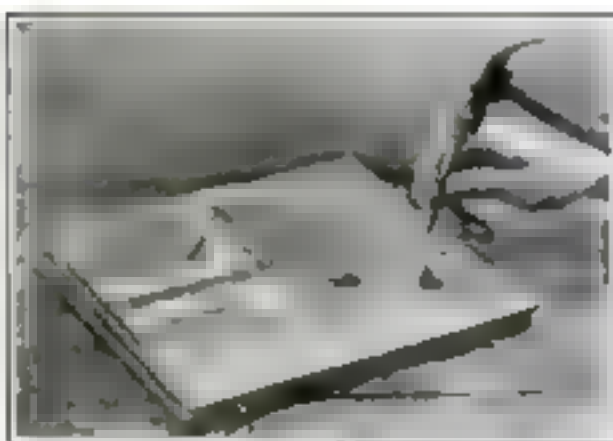
brown artists' oil colors were daubed on the lead itself in hit-and-miss fashion, and then rubbed partly off to give it an antique tone. The casket was lined with royal purple velvet and filled with old jewelry and trinkets, which were allowed to overflow onto the table.

So attractive and unusual was this ornament that visitors to the studio invariably exclaimed when they first saw it. Yet the work and cost amounted to very little, and the chest could be duplicated easily by a handy man.

Another method of decorating boxes and chests is to apply corners made as shown in the lower illustrations on this page. The design is worked out on paper full size and traced by means of carbon paper on thin aluminum, brass or copper.

One of the simplest ways of bringing out the design is to recess the background by hammering depressions of uniform depth into it with a punch. The metal should be firmly fastened to a waste piece of board while the hammering is being done.

The final step is to cut out the design and fasten the corner strips in place with brass or copper nails or escutcheon



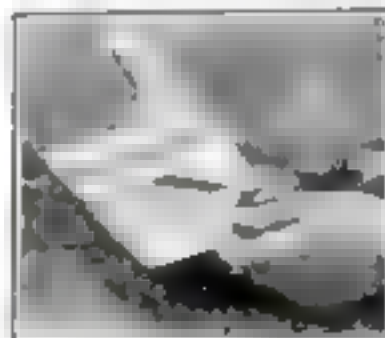
Hammering down the background of four box corners, made in one piece for convenience.

to the studio, he placed the box on the sheet lead and marked out the dimensions, as if he intended to make a metal case to cover the box.

On the lead he then sketched a design like that illustrated in the upper drawings on this page and cut out the openings with an old pocket-knife and scissors.

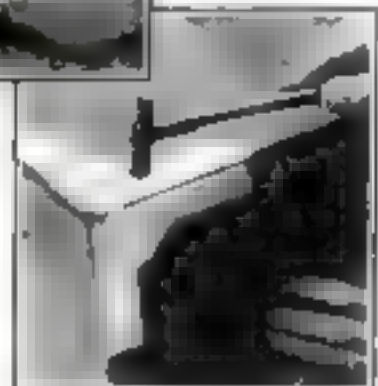
The sheet lead was laid over the box and hammered gently in place. Where the edges came together, the metal was peened to make an almost invisible joint. Gimp tacks were driven in to hold the lead.

The woodwork was painted a dull but glowing vermilion. Green, blue and



After the design is worked out with hammer and punch, the corners are cut with old scissors (cut left).

Fastening a sheet of thin sheet aluminum in place with upholstery's small nails at right. Sheet brass or copper may be applied in the same way.



pins. The corners then may be connected with longer strips, which bind the edges of the box. These may be combined with various types of central ornaments and bandings cut from the same metal.



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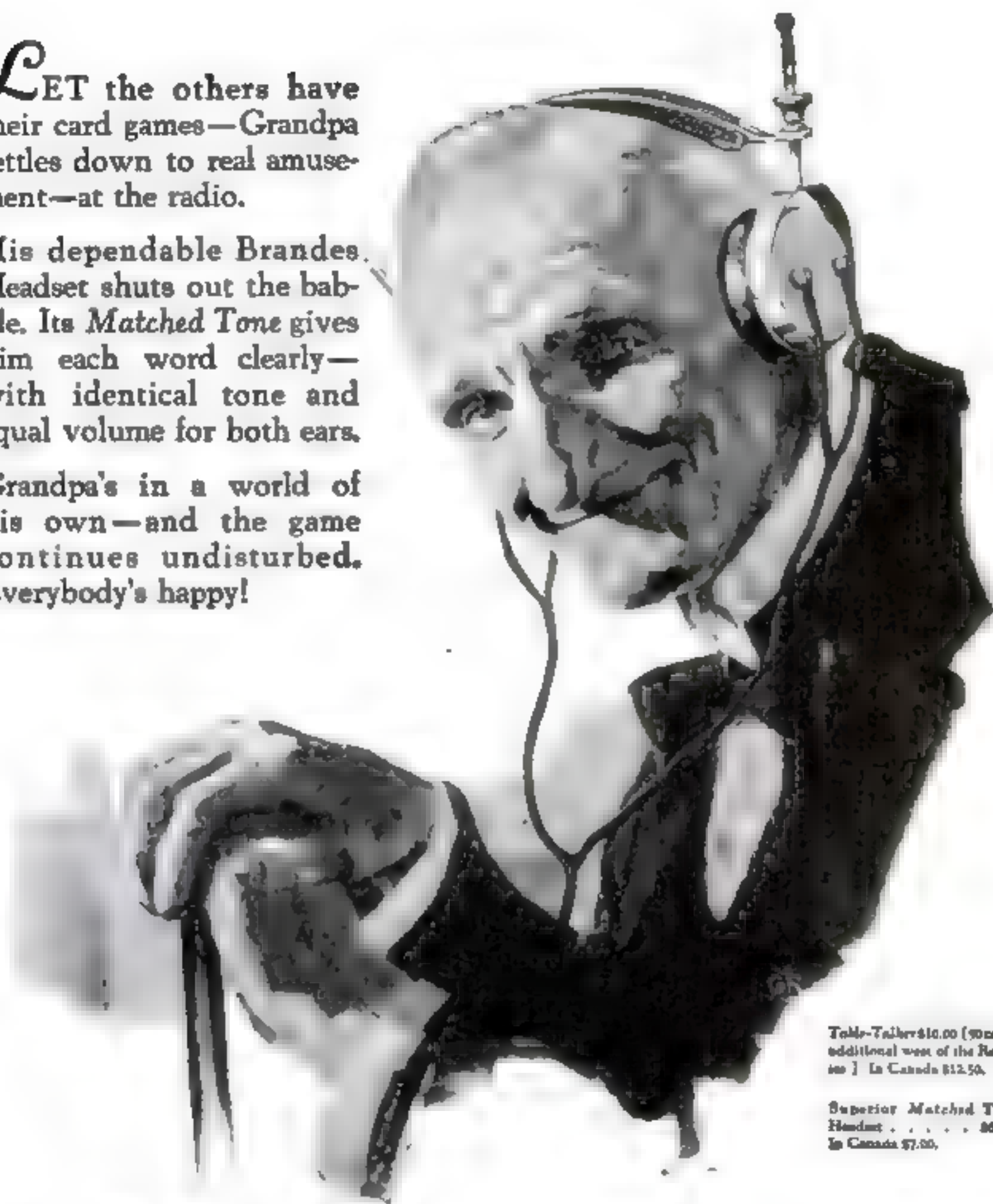


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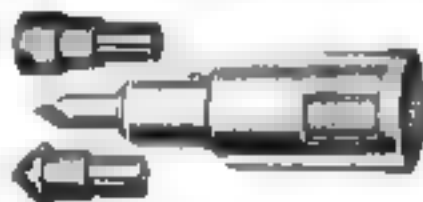
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# Making a Wash-Boiler Sport Sled

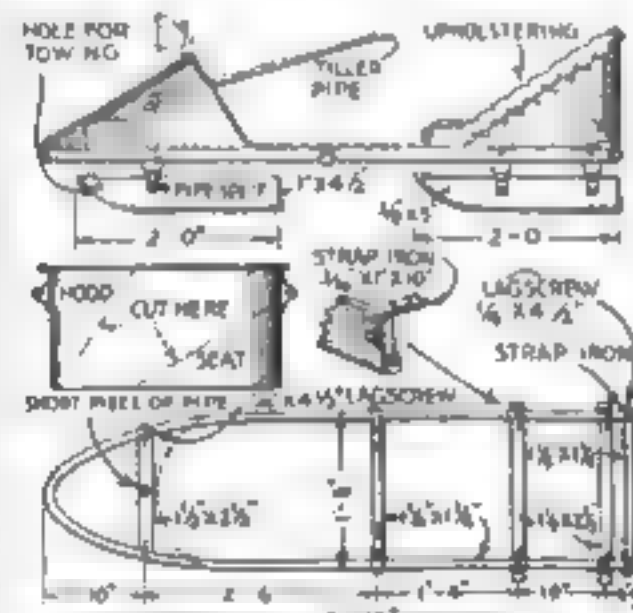
By Dale R. Van Horn

**T**HIS sled, painted in red or yellow and black, will be the envy of every boy in the neighborhood. It requires a little skill in fitting the pieces, but there is nothing really difficult about the construction, and the cost for materials is small.

There is a certain "zip" and clam about this racer not found in most home-made sleds. It has a cushion or dash and comfortable padded seat patterned after the seat of a sport car.

Here is a list of the materials required:

- One old wash-boiler, preferably copper.
- One 1/2-in. ash or elm stock 14 in. long and 1 1/2 in. in diameter.
- Three cross pieces 1 1/2 by 2 1/2 in. elm or fir, 24 in. long.
- Two cross pieces 1 1/2 by 1 1/2 in. elm or fir 18 in. long.
- One pipe collar 1 in. in diameter and 2 1/2 in. long.
- A length of 3/4-in. pipe and a quarter-turn coupling.
- Two washers, some strap iron for the braces, a piece of 1/4-in. steel plate for the seat spring.
- Some 5/8-in. coiling or wire-rope (1 1/2-in. and 1-in. grooved strips of wood) for the floor.
- Three boards to make the runners.
- Some bolts and a set of the size shown.
- Paint or varnish stain of the desired color.



Working details of racing counter which has an upholstered seat and streamlined hood

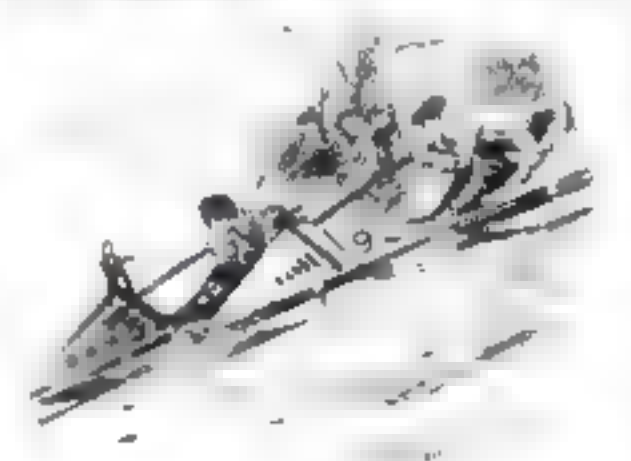
The main outside strip is soaked for several hours or treated with boiling water and bent in the center to fit the curve formed by the end of the hood. This is done by cutting the wash-boiler in half by the dotted lines to make the hood and the seat back. The rear ends of the strips are fastened by the last cross piece, which is notched to suit and held with lag screws and strap-iron corners bolted in place.

**T**HE middle cross piece is attached similarly, while the one in front is cut to fit snugly inside the curved sides. The upper edges of these three strips lie flush with the top of the outside frame.

The front runner is pivoted to the split pipe so that it will move freely up and down. This pipe extends through the 1-in. pipe collar, which is set through the center of the front cross piece. Two washers, placed between the split and spread end and the collar, reduce friction.

Above deck, the 3/4-in. pipe is threaded (short enough to work easily when the dash or hood is in place) and a quarter-turn coupling turned on. A straight piece of pipe then is screwed in to form the tiller. After this is done, a hole should be drilled through the lower end of the coupling and the top of the vertical pipe and a small bolt put through.

The top of the frame is covered with 1/2-in. canvasing. The hood is attached



by tacking the cut edge to the sides of the frame. The original rim or flange on the boiler gives this piece a finished appearance.

The seat section is tacked down through the bottom. Small holes are drilled about the rim, 2 in. down and 2 in. apart. The sides and seat proper are padded with old rags and the canvas is cut to fit. The upper edge is laced in place. Drive nails at 2- or 3-in. intervals in both directions on the bottom to produce a real cushion effect. The nails can be clinched on the under side to prevent their pulling out.

The runners now should be put in place. Cut them as shown and cover the lower edges with light strap iron, held in place by countersunk screws. A hole is bored through the front runner for towing purposes. The two rear runners, which also are capped with strap iron, are parallel and attached by strap-iron braces bolted to the two special cross pieces as indicated. Finish the runners with a file until they are bright.

**A SPOTLIGHT** can be clamped to the top of the hood, if desired, with a small storage-battery set underneath the cowl.

No brake has been provided, but if one is desired, a simple strap iron, bent to the shape of a hockey stick with the end flattened and bolted to the left side, will give sufficient leverage.

If placing the feet under the hood is not comfortable, set another cleat under the frame and with the ends extending 5 in. on each side, the exact location to be determined by trial.

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A small stool also has many uses. The legs of the one shown at the right are sawn out at one time from two boards tacked together. All the angles, except those at 45 deg., are laid out with one setting of a bevel square. The inner end pieces are cut with the grain at right angles to that of the legs and they are nailed to the

center piece and then to the legs. The top is nailed in place last of all. If plenty of nails are used, this construction is surprisingly strong.—C. F. GOLDTHWAIT.



Portable steps (at left) and sturdily constructed stool (above)

### Toy Ice-Boat Sails as Fast as the Wind

SAILING a model ice-boat is a fascinating diversion from the more ordinary winter sports of skating and hockey.

To build a toy of this kind, construct a frame of two pieces of wood, one  $1\frac{1}{2}$  by 10 in., and the other  $\frac{3}{4}$  by 12 by 24 in., lap the end and nailed together to form a cross. Drill a  $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. hole 9 in. deep into the frame to take the mast. With two flat-head screws attach a wooden block 1 by 2  $\frac{1}{2}$  by 7 in. to the frame at the rear and drill a  $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. hole for the rudder post.

A  $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. dowel stick, 16 in. long, serves as a mast. Two grooves are made in it as guides for the screweyes in the ends of the gaff and the boom. Three holes then are drilled near the top of the mast about  $\frac{1}{4}$  in.

apart from each other. These are for fish-line "ropes" and wire guys. The mast is fitted into place with carpenter's glue.

The runners are 1 by 2 by 7 in. wooden blocks. On each fasten a  $\frac{1}{16}$ -in. thick angle iron with a round-head wood screw. The angles should be attached to the runners with the base of the angles on the inside of the runners' center lines. The runners then are fastened with No. 6-32 round-head machine screws and

nuts to  $\frac{1}{16}$ -in. angle irons attached as shown to the crosspiece of the frame.

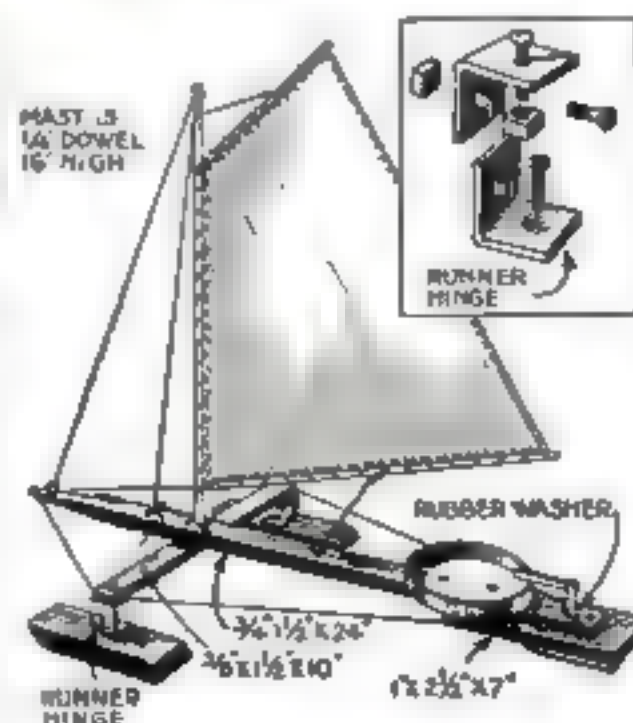
The rudder is a piece of sheet iron  $\frac{1}{16}$  by 1 by 5 in., with a brass shaft  $\frac{1}{4}$  in. in diameter riveted to it. The handle is fastened to the rudder shaft after assembling to the frame. The rudder is kept in a fixed position for steering purposes by the pressure of a pin in the rudder shaft against a rubber washer.

A tin cover about 4 in. in diameter is fastened to the frame to add to the realistic appearance of the toy.

To brace the mast, wire shrouds may be run from the mast top to the outriggers on each side, although these are not shown on the drawing.

The sail is made from linen, hemmed at the edges. A brass ring  $\frac{5}{16}$  in. in diameter is slipped on the gaff and another on the boom at the point indicated. A fish-line is tied to each ring and fastened to cleats. The fish-line that holds the sail in place is sewed through the sail at intervals of  $\frac{1}{4}$  in. and the ends are held in slots in the ends of gaff and boom.

Give the boat a coat of paint and a "snappy" name.—FRANK HARAKIM, N. Y.



The completed toy ice-boat and detail of the angle-iron connection for each runner





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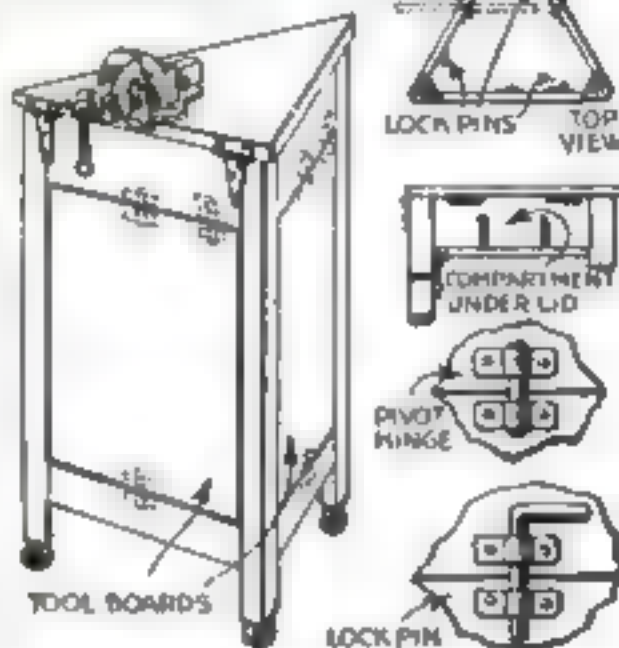
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## Tool Cabinet Combined with Bench

"THE bench in my garage isn't of much use," Frank Robey, a neighbor of mine, remarked one day. "It always seems to be on the wrong side or end of the car. It gets in my way when I am working the car with the pump, and whenever I go outside, under the car, the bench might as well not exist at all." "Why don't you make yourself a portable bench?" I suggested. As a result, Robey designed and built the tool cabinet bench illustrated. It is

The portable bench and details of its construction



portable; it has a small but serviceable working space on top that can be reached from every side, and the tools, while instantly accessible, can be locked up. One advantage of the bench's triangular



shape is that the casters find an even resting place on the floor or ground anywhere.

The tool boards, which form the sides of the cabinet, are pivoted at their centers so that they can be turned completely around to expose the tool equipment. The top is hinged to allow access to a compartment underneath for small tools and parts. Under the lid are three small lockpins, which hold the tool boards shut. When these pins are in place and the top is locked, the cabinet cannot be opened.

A small bench vise is placed at the hinged edge of the top so that it does not have to be lifted any considerable distance when the top is raised.—G. A. L.

"HOW to Construct a Machinist's Tool Chest" and "A Nail and Hardware Cabinet" are two articles on shop equipment scheduled for early publication in the Home Workshop.

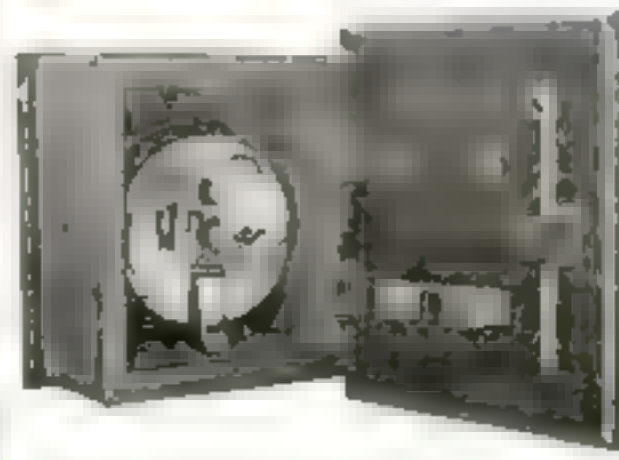
## Neat Case Camouflages Alarm Clock

OCCASION recently arose in a technical laboratory to install an alarm clock. Although the best grade of alarm clock was purchased for the purpose, its nickel finish did not harmonize well with the elaborate mahogany fittings of the balance of the apparatus.



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This homemade mahogany case is designed so that the clock may be wound and set easily.

## Ornamental Desk Eraser

AN ORNAMENTAL eraser holder can be made from your favorite pocket knife after its ordinary usefulness is over. Remove the rivets, lift out the old or broken blade ends, the springs and the compartment dividers, and fasten a round typewriter eraser at each end.—J. E. N.



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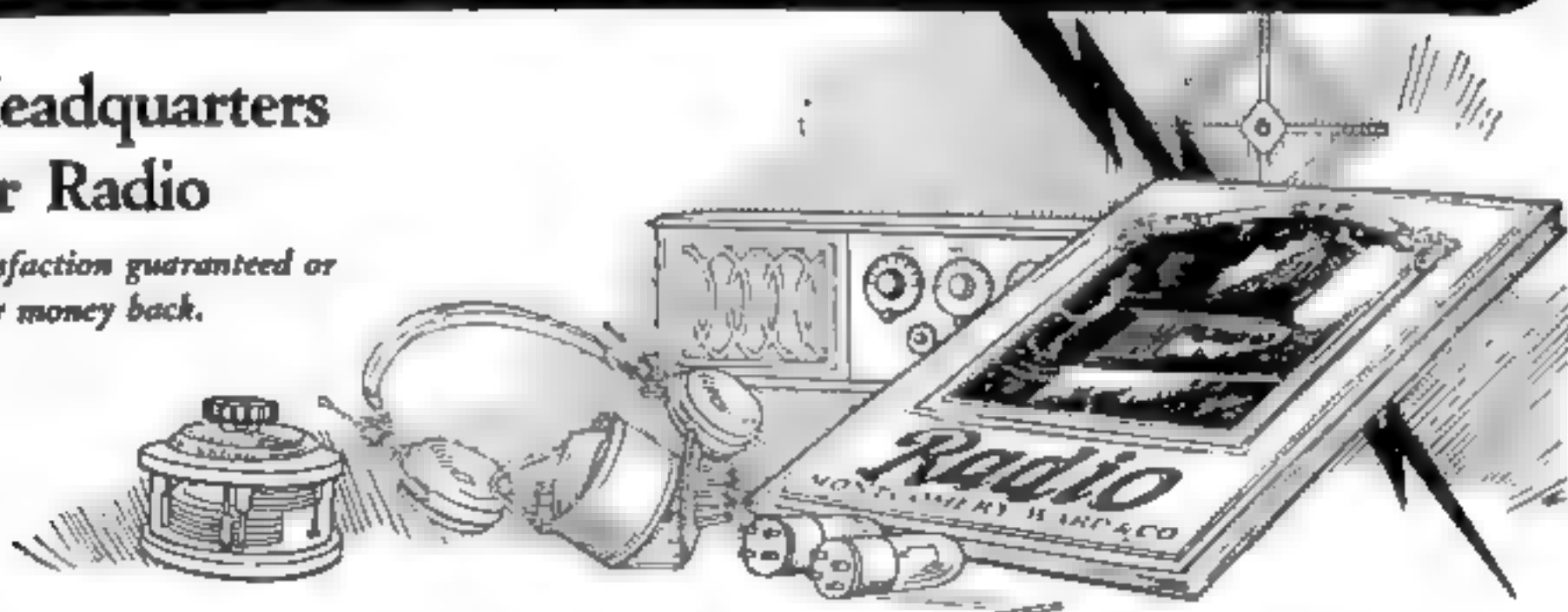
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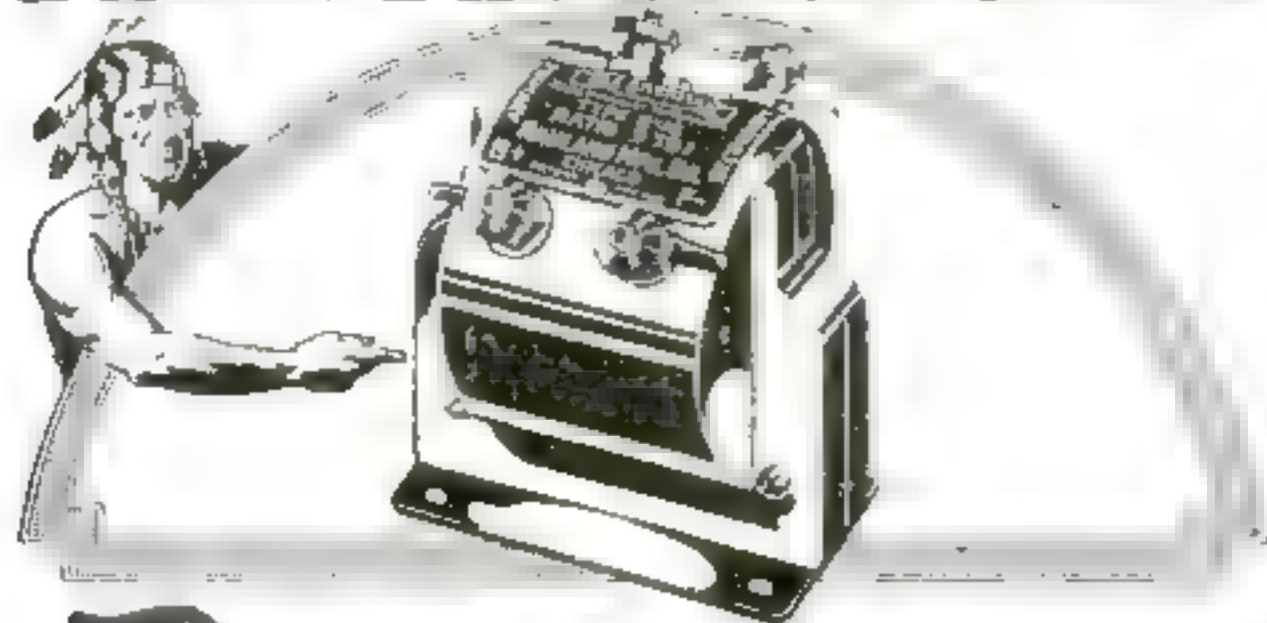
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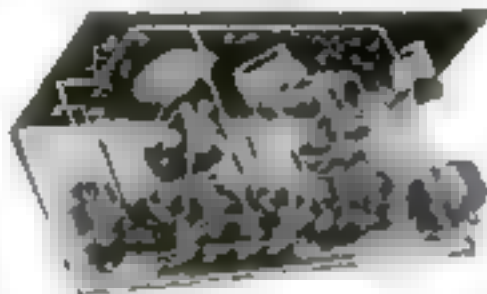
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### Tricky Quebec Ski Coaster

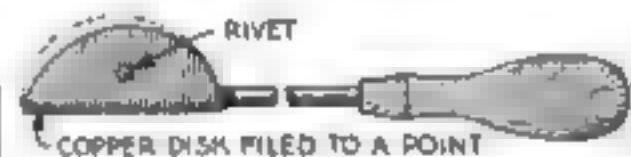


THIS tricky coaster seems to be a  
purely French-Canadian invention,  
seldom seen outside Quebec Province.

It is made of the front half of a skid,  
usually found among winter equipment  
in the cellar. Its length will depend  
upon the size of the user—4 ft. as a rule.

The upright is a bit of soft wood about  
3 by 4 by 16 in. screwed on through the  
bottom of the ski about 1 ft. from the  
back. A piece of smooth board about 14  
in. long then is screwed crossways on the  
top of the upright. A coat of varnish  
greatly improves the appearance.—ED-  
MUND L. NESSITT, Quebec, Can.

### Small Soldering Copper Useful in Radio Construction



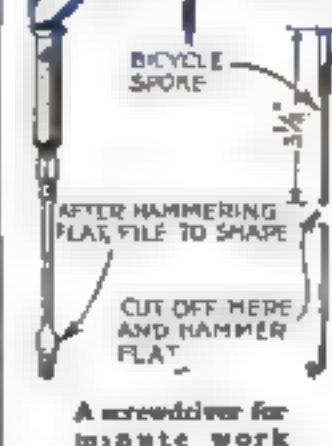
FOR radio work and other small solder-  
ing jobs many makeshift soldering  
coppers are used. Most of them are open  
to the objection that the tinning burns  
off too easily.

I find this difficulty is overcome by  
making a soldering copper, as shown above, from a  
disk about the same diameter as a Cana-  
dian penny. The disk is folded along its  
center over the piece of wire and fast-  
ened with a small rivet. The other end  
of the wire is inserted in a suitable handle.  
The copper then is pointed, smoothed  
with a file, and tinned.—W. E.

### Bicycle Spoke Forms Substitute for Jeweler's Screwdriver

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is necessary to use a jeweler's screwdriver.  
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may be made from the spoke of a bicycle  
wheel.

Cut it off as  
shown, hammer  
the wire end flat,  
bevel it back about  
3/4 in., then file to  
the desired shape  
and size. No heat  
is necessary, as  
bicycle spokes are  
a good grade of  
steel.—ROY C.  
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### Comical Boxing Dolls Made of Putty, Lead, and Wire

By Kenneth S. Murray



**BOXING** dolls that are comical in action and certain to cause hilarity in any company of children or grown-ups, can be made quite easily.

A white and a colored boxer, possibly representing

Dempsey and Willa, make a lively and mirth-provoking pair. Because they are made with spring-steel wire, their arms

swing back and forth in a menacing manner for half a minute at a time whenever the two lighters are pushed together.

To make the dolls, you will need putty, lead, spring wire, eye-brow pencil, and



Fig. 1. Inserting wire into the putty.

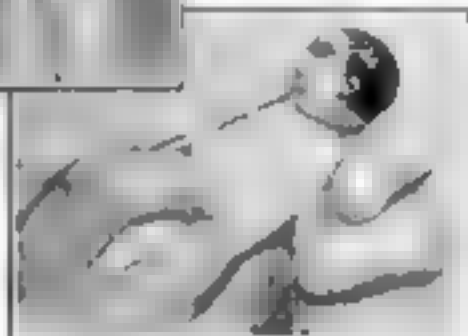


Fig. 2. The features are modeled with a knitting-needle.

lipstick. The putty is molded into the shape of the trunk, gloves and heads. The wire should be cut to suitable lengths, bent, and inserted into the putty while the latter is soft (Fig. 1).

To shape the features, use a pointed instrument such as a



Fig. 3. A pair of boxers and four heads colored with lipstick and eyebrow pencil.

knitting-needle (Fig. 2). The lipstick and eyebrow pencil are used to give color to the lips, cheeks, hair and eyebrows.

The feet, to keep the figures upright, are made of lead. A chunk of this soft metal can be pounded and squeezed to a suitable shape with hammer and pliers.

Figure 3 shows the completed figures and several types of heads.

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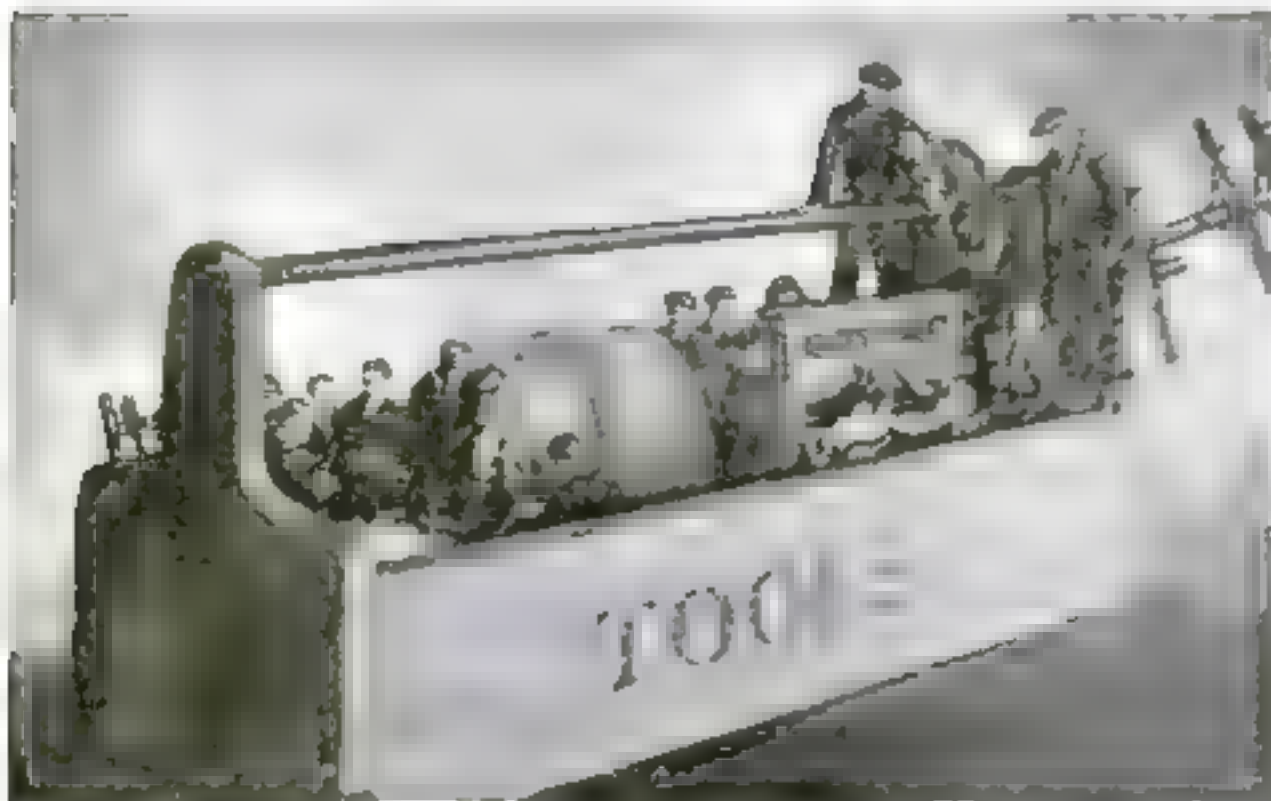


Here is a diagrammatic illustration of the Goodell-Pratt Improved ratchet mechanism, patented September 16, 1924. The teeth are broached on the inside of the drop-forged crank hub. The hardened steel dogs are so located that the pressure is almost entirely compressive, rather than shearing.

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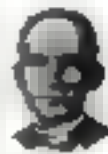
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A clamp useful for many purposes

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He slit the exterior section of the tubing, cut a sleeve from pipe, tapped it for a setscrew and attached it to the tubing with solder at the side opposite the setscrew.

The same method could be used for holding drills when a chuck is not available, or in connection with a tool handle for miscellaneous uses.

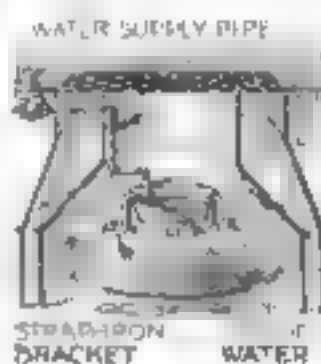
### Extra Water Pan Improves "Pipeless" Heating Plant

IN A hot-air heating system, especially the pipeless type, the usual water pan seldom supplies sufficient moisture. Realizing this, the writer tried out various schemes for increasing the moisture in the heated air. The method eventually adopted gives a maximum of moisture and the water pan is filled without going down cellar.

The humidifier can be installed quickly by a one-handy with plumber's tools. It will prove a paying investment in better living conditions and reduced fuel expense, because a high humidity means that less heat is required to keep warm.

Left the center of the floor register so the heat radiator of the furnace is exposed. With an iron strap fasten a good-sized water pan over the center of the radiator by means of machine screws. These can be threaded into holes tapped in the top of the register. Placing a bit of furnace cement on the screw before threading it in will check any possible escape of gas.

Next, cut two small holes through the two casings of the furnace, close under the floor. Attach a  $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. pipe to the main water pipe, run it through the casing and lead it down to the pan as shown, by means of elbows and short lengths. Insert a valve in the line at a point where a turning rod can be brought conveniently through the floor and operated from above. Be sure and provide a key or other safeguard so the valve cannot be turned on accidentally and the furnace pit flooded. The pan can be watched during filling by looking down through the floor register.—L. R.



An extra large furnace humidifier

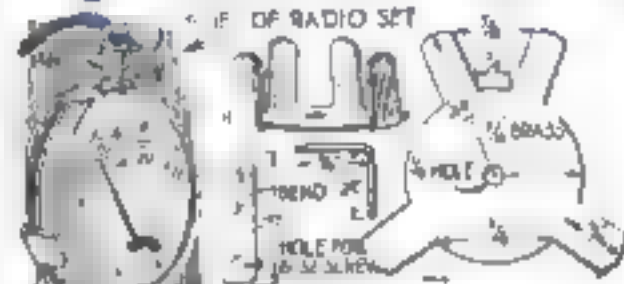


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### Clamp Holds Voltammeter on Face of Radio Panel

IF YOU use a voltammeter in connection with your radio set, you can keep it handy by mounting it on the panel as shown below.

Cut out the clamp with tin snips and from 1/16-in. sheet brass and drill the center hole, countersinking it to take a flat-head machine screw. Bend the arms



Pocket voltammeter on radio panel and details of the holder

so as to grip the voltammeter and fasten the holder to the panel wherever convenient.

Two binding posts and two small angles are used for making contact with the volt and ampere terminals; the third binding post, which is common to both sides of the meter, is connected behind the panel with the screw that holds the clamp.—PHILIP A. JUDD, Portsmouth, Ohio.

### Light, Handy Nail Box Made from Old Tobacco Tins

MADE from empty 1/4-lb. tobacco tins with rolled edges, the combination nail box illustrated is a handy and time-saving container for the home workshop. It is useful also for carpenters, especially

when on job and interior woodwork.



An aid in keeping nails sorted

The baseboard is nailed to the handle stick, as shown, and the tins are nailed or screwed to the base. A nail through the top of each tin into the handle further reinforces the construction.

Several of these containers may be made, or more

than four tins can be placed on a single base if preferred. Provide a convenient place to hang up the nail boxes when not in use and don't leave them out in the rain.—R. M. REKERT, Regina, Sask., Canada.

### Fitting Tool Handles Quickly with a Grinding Wheel

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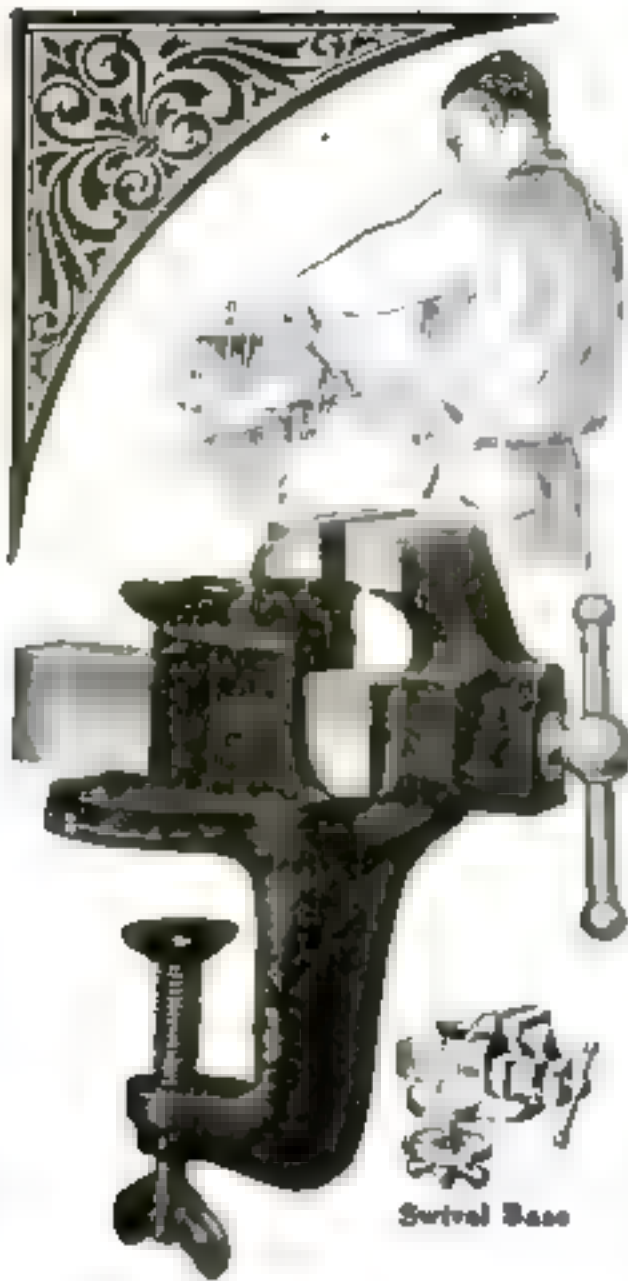
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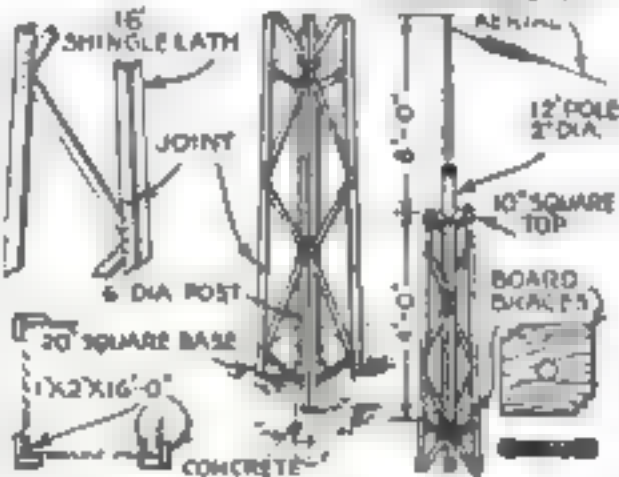
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### Building an Aerial Mast that Requires No Guy Wires

THE radio fan often can improve the volume and range of his receiving set to the equivalent of one or two additional tubes by constructing a fairly high outside aerial.

The only problem to be solved is in the erection of a neat, strong mast for supporting the far end of the antenna; the near end can be fastened to the house.

One of the best masts is that illustrated. Although 15 ft. high, it is easy to build, costs little for materials, requires no guy wires, and is much more workmanlike in appearance as well as cheaper than a solid wooden pole of similar height. The fact that it resembles in appearance the steel



Rough spruce shingle lath, 15 ft. long, are used in constructing this rigid antenna pole.

work commonly used for supporting the aerials of broadcasting stations is another point in its favor; it is distinctively a radio mast.

To build it requires 20 pieces (two bundles) of 1 by 2 in. by 15 ft. rough, common wood (tough spruce shingle lath preferred); a few odd boards  $\frac{3}{4}$  in. thick; one stock flagpole about 2 in. in diameter at the base and 12 ft. long; one stock 6-in. fence or laundry post about 10 ft. long, of chestnut or other wood that will not rot readily in the ground; 3 lb. eight-penny common nails, bottle-green paint sufficient for two coats, one small galvanized iron pulley (if the flagpole is not equipped with a good pulley) and 50 ft. of sash cord.

On a sidewalk, floor, or level ground lay one 16-ft. shingle lath, and butt up against the end of it a piece 4 ft. long, skew-nailing the two together temporarily. This is to form one side of a sort of ladder that is to be 20 in. wide at the bottom and 10 in. wide at the top. For

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### Building an Aerial Mast

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the other side of the ladder use two similar pieces, but put the 4-ft. length at the opposite end from the one on the ladder leg already made.

About 1 in. from the bottom nail a 4-in. batten (or two laths) at right angles to the center line. Cut the first diagonal brace about 3 ft. long, sawing the ends at the correct bevel and making both ends alike. Lay this brace on the frame at the bottom, keeping it back from the edges  $\frac{1}{4}$  or 1 in., according to the thickness of the wood. Do not nail this, but mark and cut the next one, maintaining the same bevel cut. Lay this in position and continue until all the pieces are cut.

If the same bevel is maintained, it will be found that each piece will be shorter than the preceding one. Before nailing these in place, mark three more sets. Two eightpenny nails at each end of each brace will be amply strong enough if the nails are well clinched.

All four frames are made exactly alike with the exception that the diagonals start from left to right on two of them and from right to left on the others. In other words, they are made in pairs. Nail three sides together on the ground, overlapping only one corner of each side, so that the mast will come square.

CUT from a  $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. board two pieces 9 in. square and nail them together so that the grain of one crosses that of the other. Fit the square in place at the top of the mast, cutting out two diagonally opposite corners to allow for the ends of the top braces. Then bore the piece to suit the flagpole and fasten it about 3 in. below the top of the mast.

Make a similar two-ply piece 11 in. square to fit within the sides of the mast about 4 ft. from the top. Only the upper of the two boards in this case should be bored for the flagpole, thus forming a socket or cup. Set the pole in place and fasten with a lag-screw through the bottom board, but be careful not to split the pole. Also attach the pulley and line. It will save time to paint the mast before erecting it.

Set the heavy 10-ft. fence or laundry post in the ground, preferably with cement. Then you may erect the three-sided mast around the post, seeing that it stands quite plumb. Nail short braces from the four corners of the mast to the post near the top of the latter; do the same at the bottom. Also make a shelf at the bottom upon which heavy stones may later be piled for added security. The last side then may be raised and nailed in place.

The mast, if properly built, will stand firmly enough to allow a ladder to be placed against it, so that it can be repainted whenever necessary. Wedges should be used to tighten the flagpole where it passes through the top of the mast.

Incidentally, the aerial can be lowered and a flag raised upon occasion. It is also possible to use the mast for supporting a long pulley clothesline, as the construction is astonishingly rigid.—A. E. E.



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- A** End of frame under top (mitered)  $2\frac{1}{2}$  by 1 by 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 2 required.  
**B** Front of frame under top (mitered)  $2\frac{1}{2}$  by 21 $\frac{1}{2}$  by 41, 1 required.  
**D** Back of frame under top,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  by 11 $\frac{1}{2}$  by 36, whitewood, 1 required.  
**E** Ends of case,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  by 20 $\frac{1}{2}$  by 30 $\frac{1}{2}$ , plywood, 2 required.  
**F** Front stile,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  by 2 by 30 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 1 required.  
**G** Top rail fillings,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  by 1 by 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 2 required.  
**H** Bottom front flange,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  by 1 by 34, 2 required.  
**I** Quarter turnings (stock design),  $2\frac{1}{2}$  by 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  by 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 4 required.  
**J** Quarter round moldings,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  by 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  by 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 2 required.  
**K** Drawer rails,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  by 21 $\frac{1}{2}$  by 36 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 4 required.  
**L** Drawer-top division,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  by 11 $\frac{1}{2}$  by 6, 1 required.  
**M** Top-drawer fronts,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  by 6 by 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ , plywood, 2 required.  
**N** Second-drawer front,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  by 6 by 36 $\frac{1}{2}$ , plywood, 2 required.  
**O** Third- and fourth-drawer fronts,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  by 7 by 36 $\frac{1}{2}$ , plywood, 2 required.  
**P** Drawer-front backings (used with O),  $2\frac{1}{2}$  by 7 by 31 $\frac{1}{2}$ , whitewood, 2 required.  
**Q** Drawer-front backing (used with N),  $2\frac{1}{2}$  by 6 by 31 $\frac{1}{2}$ , whitewood, 1 required.  
**R** Drawer-front backings (used with M),  $2\frac{1}{2}$  by 6 by 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ , whitewood, 2 required.  
**S** Third- and fourth-drawer sides,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  by 7 by 18, whitewood, 4 required.  
**T** Top- and second-drawer sides,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  by 8 by 18, whitewood, 6 required.  
**U** Third- and fourth-drawer backs,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  by 6 $\frac{1}{2}$  by 35 $\frac{1}{2}$ , whitewood, 2 required.  
**V** Second-drawer back,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  by 5 $\frac{1}{2}$  by 35 $\frac{1}{2}$ , whitewood, 1 required.  
**W** Top-drawer backs,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  by 5 $\frac{1}{2}$  by 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ , whitewood, 2 required.  
**X** Second, third- and fourth-drawer bottoms,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  by 18 by 15, plywood, 3 required.  
**Y** Top-drawer bottoms,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  by 18 by 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ , plywood, 2 required.  
**Z** Back of case,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  by 38 $\frac{1}{2}$  by 31 $\frac{1}{2}$ , plywood, 1 required.  
**AA** Drawer runners,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  by 11 $\frac{1}{2}$  by 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ , poplar (or other inexpensive wood), 10 required.  
**BB** Drawer guides,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  by 1 by 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ , poplar, 10 required.  
**CC** Center division between top drawers,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  by 6 by 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 14 or the equivalent, poplar, 1 required.  
**DD** Division under CC,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  by 2 by 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ , poplar, 1 required.  
**EE** Base front, mitered,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  by 11 $\frac{1}{2}$  by 40 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 1 required.  
**FF** Base ends, mitered,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  by 11 $\frac{1}{2}$  by 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 2 required.  
**GG** Feet (stock design), 4 in. long, 4 required.  
**HH** Flange for drawers,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  by 1 by 36, whitewood, 12 required.  
**II** Filling molding quarter round,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  by 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  by 36, whitewood, 12 required.  
**JJ** Dowels of double-end screws for feet, 3/16 by 3, 4 required.  
**KK** Drawer-back strips,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  by 1 by 6, poplar, 10 required.  
**LL** Knobs or handles, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  by 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ , brass, 8 required for glass knobs.  
**MM** Backstays, brass, 1 required.  
**Locks**, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  in. diameter 1 in. and (if wanted).  
**Screws and nails**: best glue.

**PLYWOOD** or veneered stock is used so widely now and is such a desirable material for the amateur craftsman that it will pay you to make every effort to obtain it for use where specified in this list. If, however, you cannot get it, or the price seems unreasonably high, you can substitute solid stock for the top, ends and drawer fronts, and tongued-and-grooved stock of any available kind for the back.

Lacking plywood for the top, you will find that you cannot get a single board wide enough to make the top in one piece. If your lumber dealer operates a planing mill, you will be able to have the top glued up and cut to size for you. This will save considerable work and be well worth while.

You can, however, do the same work yourself without much trouble. Match two or three of your best pieces to make the top and bore into the joining edges for about six 1/8-in. dowels. Run a plane over the dowels so there will be a narrow

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flat side on each to allow the glue and air to escape when the boards are forced together. Be sure not to have the dowels too long, they should be at least  $\frac{1}{4}$  in. shorter than the total depth of the holes on each side of the joints. Apply hot glue or first-class liquid glue warmed in a dish of hot water to the dowel holes and edges and force the pieces together between strips nailed on the bench or the workshop floor. Use wooden wedges to exert pressure. If you have regular cabinet clamps, so much the better.

**YOU** will have no difficulty in obtaining the quarter-round molding for the front corners of the case. The little turnings at the top and bottom are stock designs, but if you cannot obtain them or have them made specially, get turnings from a discarded piece of furniture or a new stair-baluster, or anything that you can adapt for use as the cap and base for the quarter-round pilasters.

The same suggestions apply to the feet. They are a stock design, but if you cannot buy them, get feet from a discarded piece of furniture; inquire at your local cabinet-maker's, in case he may have something to serve your purpose, or glue up blocks of the right size and carve them out yourself. If some of the chisel marks show and if the four feet do not match exactly—if they are not as perfect as machine carvings—it is just as well. From the viewpoint of the furniture connoisseur, they will be all the more attractive.

In other words, to build even so simple a piece as this requires a certain amount of ingenuity and perseverance, but that is half the fun.

To understand the construction, simply imagine the case with the drawers, the ends and the quarter-round ornaments all removed. You have left a framework made mainly of strips  $\frac{1}{4}$  by  $2\frac{1}{4}$  in., held together with glue and nails. If you cannot get a large sheet of 3- or 5-ply veneer for the back, you will have to strengthen the frame by adding back members, to which the back boards can be fastened.

**AFTER** the framework is complete, the end pieces are screwed on from the inside. The quarter-round pilasters then are glued in place.

A frame mitered at the front corners is made for the top of the case. To this frame the top proper is fastened by means of screws from underneath. All these details are made clear in the working drawings on page 94.

If the chest is too large for the room in which it is to be used, or if the available wall space is not quite wide enough, you can modify any of the dimensions to suit.

The chest may be finished to match other furniture, or in any way desired. A good method is to stain the wood and fill it with a paste filler of first-class quality. Give it a very thin coat of shellac and then follow with three or four coats of shellac very little thicker than the first wash coat. Each coat should be rubbed

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### Old Inner Tube Used to Dress Farm Machinery Belts



**TO DRESS** farm machinery belts, an Iowa farmer folds a piece of inner tube, heats it at the tractor exhaust until it is soft, and rubs the melted end on the under side of the belts.—F. L. CLARK.

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lightly with pumice-stone and oil, or with very fine sandpaper (00 or finer), moistened with oil. You can obtain a so-called "wet" sandpaper that is especially good for this purpose. Finish with several coats of furniture wax applied thin and rubbed in vigorously.

A word might be added on concealing blemishes. Even in furniture factories it is often necessary to hide defects in the wood and repair mishaps. The amateur almost always has to do some "doctoring" to his work, but unfortunately does not know how to do it successfully.

In the first place, cracks and holes always can be filled with fine sawdust or wood file dust mixed with thin glue. Better than this, however, is a prepared wood paste now on the market which can be squeezed into any holes or shallow depressions, and even molded to replace broken edges of carvings or moldings. When dry, it may be sandpapered, planed, cut, or even nailed into, just like wood, and it finishes like wood.

During the course of finishing and afterward, it is possible to conceal many kinds of damages with stick shellac, applied with a warm soldering iron or old chisel. Stick shellac can be obtained at any large paint store in colors, both transparent and opaque, to match any kind of finish.

It would be quite possible, of course, to make this chest of drawers of a relatively soft wood, such as whitewood, and paint it. In that case, glass knobs might be used instead of antique pulls. Any holes and cracks may be filled with putty after the priming coat is on. White lead putty is preferable to ordinary whiting putty. You can make some yourself when necessary simply by buying 10 cents' worth of powdered white lead at the paint store and mixing it with ordinary putty and boiled linseed oil to the consistency desired.

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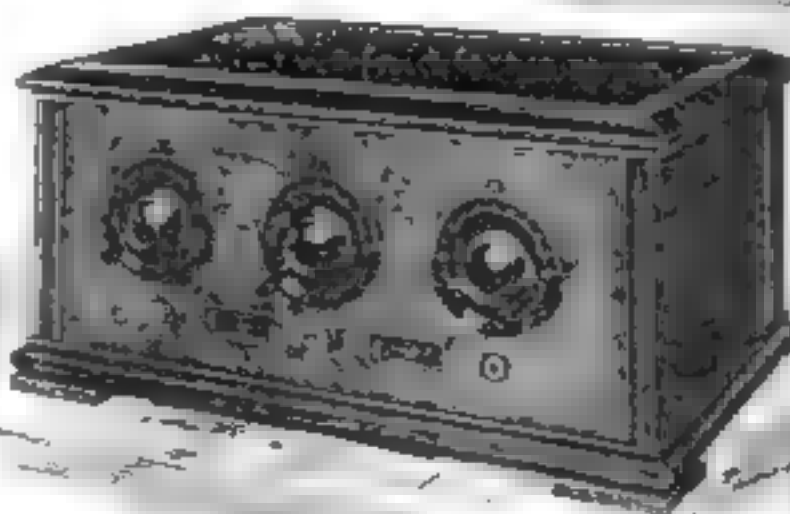
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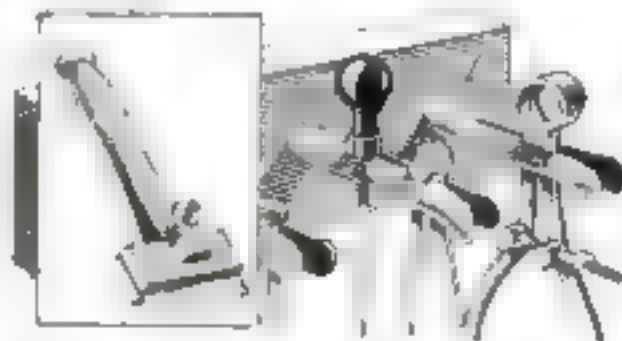
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### Tool Rack and Scraper Handle Made from Clothespins



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A clothespin also makes a good handle for a safety-razor blade. Whittle the ends to fit two small blocks, as shown, place the blade between the blocks, and clamp tightly with a machine screw and thumb-nut.—F. N. G.

### Cutting an Arched Opening

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keeping the grain in the direction of the curve as much as possible. Nail the piece into position under the head trimmer.

"Fur" or strip the sides of the brace planks (if planks have been used) to the width of the studding and set up, trimming the ends to conform to the curve. Then cross-lath around the curve and sides, and bend around the curve a strip of No. 18 gage, 1-in.-mesh chicken wire, or light metal lath, if available. Nail metal corners to the edges of the opening, plumbing them carefully and keeping them square with the wall. Cut out the old plate across the bottom of the opening. The arch is now ready for plastering.

If it is desired to avoid the expense of plastering, cover the lath with plaster board made of wood fiber, so that a strip of it can be bent about the under side of the arch without breaking. In this event, the lath may need shimming out with thin strips so that the wall-board, which is generally thinner than plaster, will be flush with the old plastered wall.

The patching of the floor is the most difficult task. If the floor is hard wood, the best way to patch is to chisel or saw off the ends on each side of the opening, provided the boards run crosswise of the partition. This forms a rectangle around which a strip may be mitered to form a border. Boards laid in the same direction as the floor fill in the remaining space.

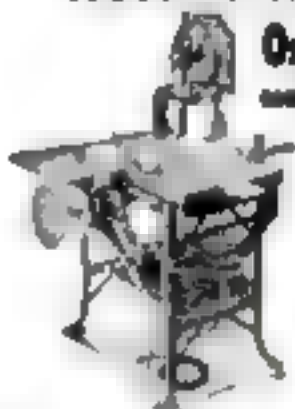
With a soft-wood floor, cut off the ends in the same way and fill in without a border. Bevel the ends of the boards so that they will form very tight joints when driven down. Nail from the top with six-penny finishing nails.

The arch and floor completed, replace the baseboards by mitering around the sides of the arch, and bring the picture molding to the edges, returning it upon itself, as shown.

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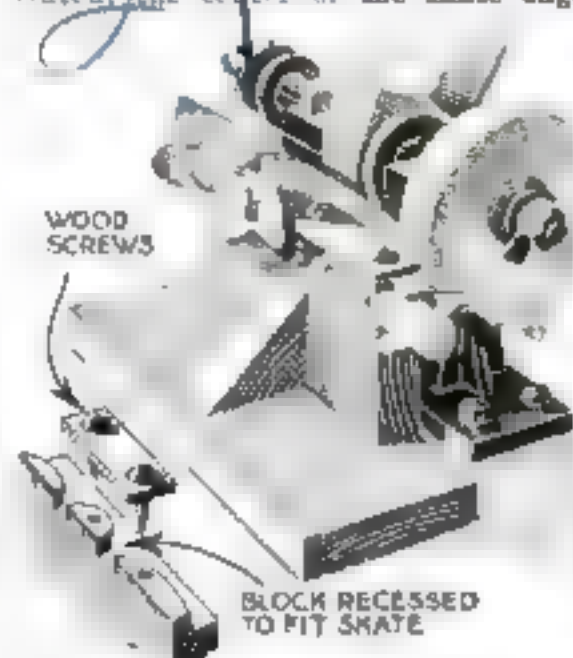


## The Home Workshop

### How to Hollow Grind Your Ice Skates Easily

IF AN ordinary emery wheel is available, it is the work of only a few minutes to make the wooden block or bracket shown, on which ice skates can be clamped for sharpening.

Care should be taken that when the skate is clamped in position, as illustrated, the center of the skate edge is



Clamped on a wooden bracket, the skate is pressed lightly against the emery wheel

on a level with the center of the wheel.

The bracket, with the skate clamped on it, is slid along the top of the bench, the blade being pressed lightly against the grinding wheel. Don't try to take off too much stock, but make several complete passes from point to heel of blade and back again.

The smaller the diameter of wheel used, the more concave, of course, will be the skate edge.—F. B. ROOT, Fall River, Mass.

### Dutch Crafts Hall Chair

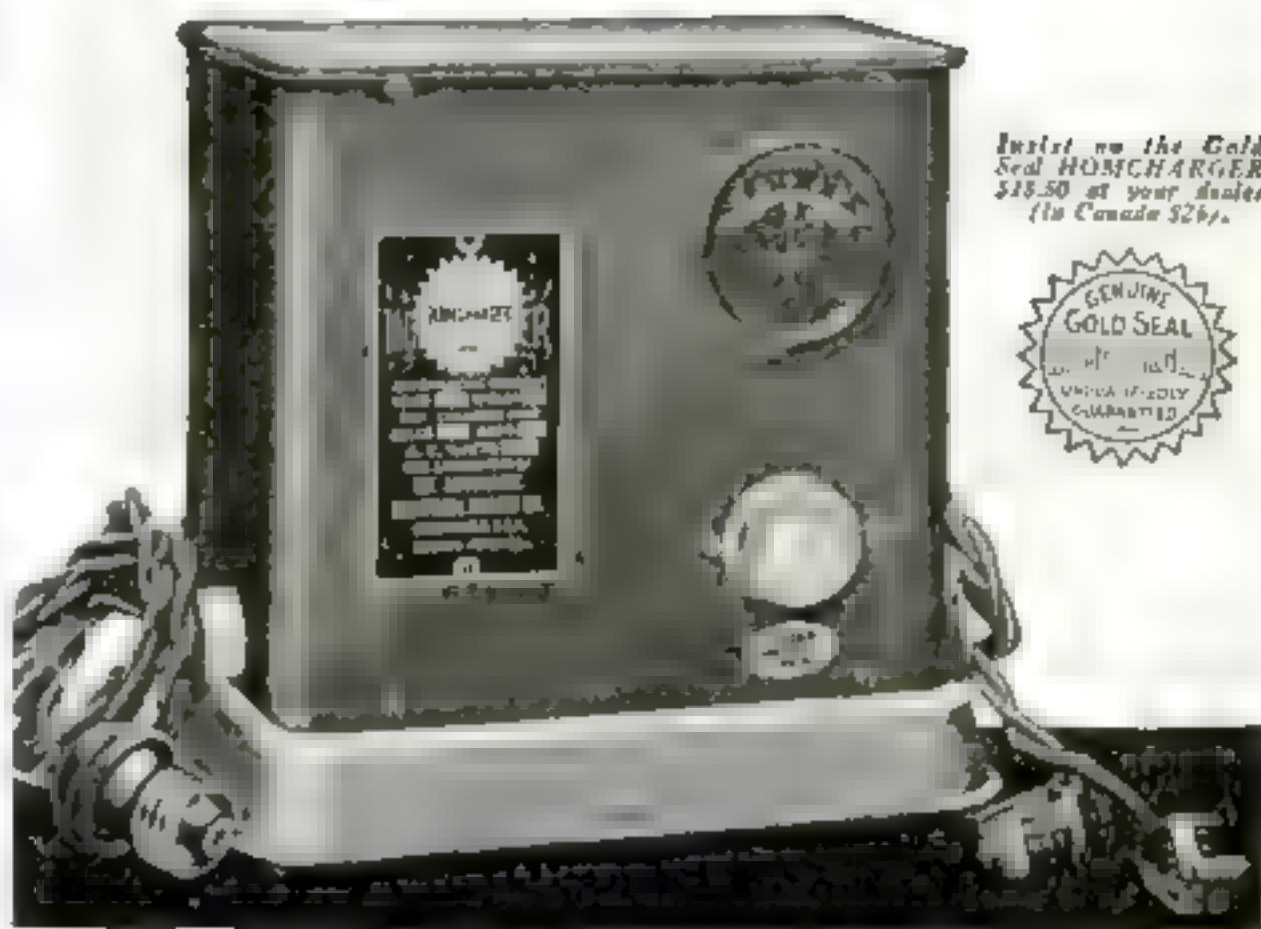
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on the ends of it with beveled shoulders to correspond to the slant of C and D in the finished chair. Cut corresponding mortises in pieces C and D 5 in. from their top ends and fit the parts together. Key seats are cut near the ends of the benches and the keys, H,  $\frac{1}{2}$  in. square and 2 in. long, are driven in.

The cleats, E, by  $\frac{1}{2}$  by 8 in., are bored for 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. screws, and beveled with the top ends of C and D so that all will fit flush against the bottom of the seat A, to which they are screwed. Figures C and D are 11 in. apart at the top and 15 in. apart at the bottom.

The braces, G, are 2 in. at the widest part. They are screwed to B and C with 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. round-headed screws, which vary in length from  $\frac{3}{4}$  to 1 $\frac{1}{4}$  in. Glue may be used in the joints, although screws alone will make a rigid chair and one that may be taken apart.

Any standard stain may be used. The chair shown was colored with a dye made by mixing chrome green with gasoline and darkening it with lampblack. It was well rubbed and, when dry, finished with wax. A flat varnish also given an appropriate finish on pieces of this character; glossy finishes should be avoided.—J. T. GARVER, Huntingdon, Tenn.



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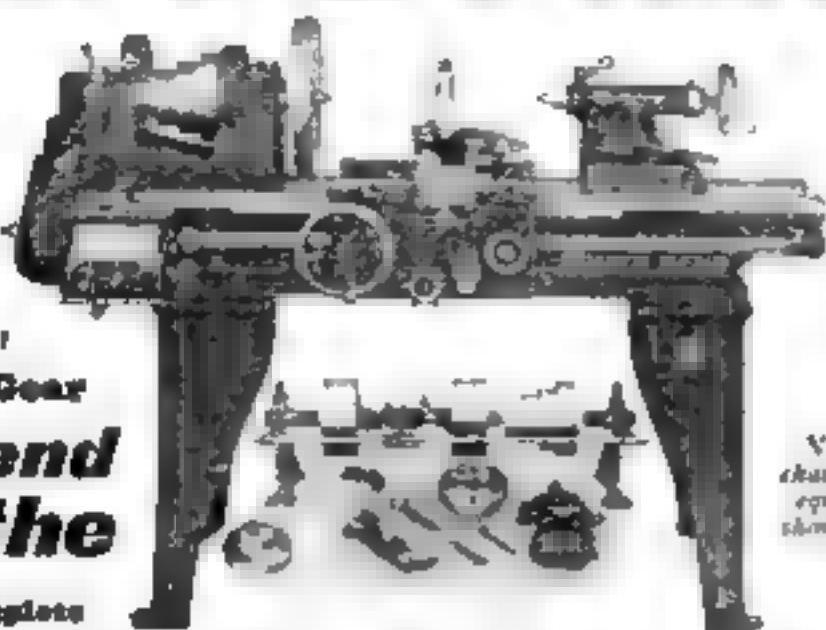


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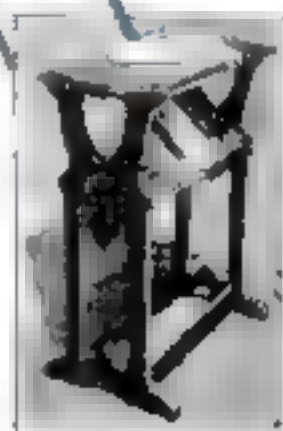
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This month's blueprint, No. 39, is illustrated on page 94.

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Mixing the silver mercuric iodide with a gum solution



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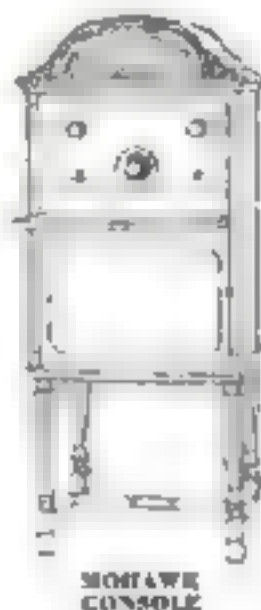
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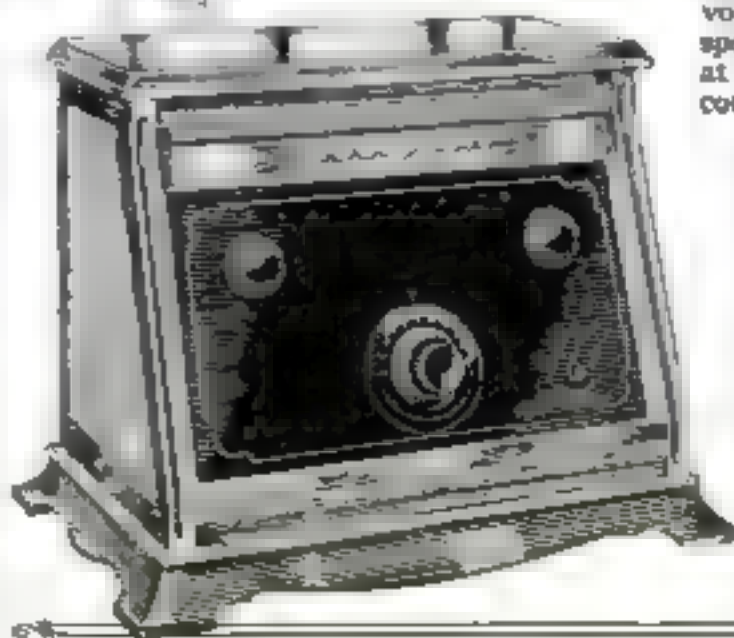
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were drilled and 444 dowels were used. The framework also is a monument of painstaking intricacy, for 808 holes for dowels, screws, and other fastenings were

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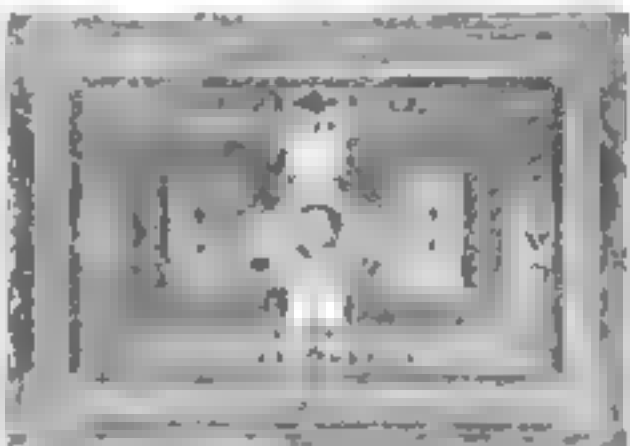
## The Home-Workshop

### 5022 Pieces in a Table-Top

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drilled or bored, and 148 dowels and 236 screws were used.

The finish on the framework consists of nine coats of varnish and wax; over the inlays are four coats of boiled linseed oil, 12 coats of thin white shellac, six coats of clear oil varnish, and three coats of wax. Running down this record-



The table-top contains 5022 pieces of wood held together with 444 dowels and glue.

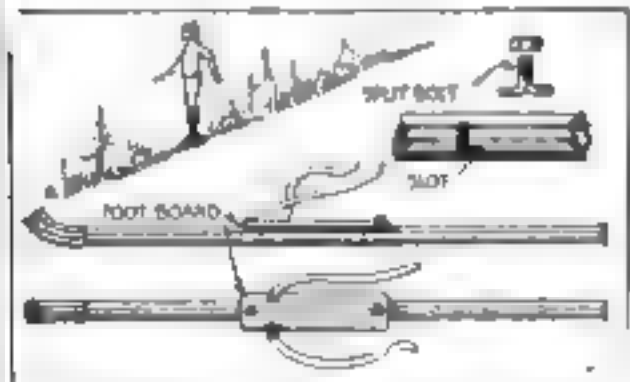
breaking number of coats was in itself a task extending over weeks.

While reading poems on trees, Professor Turner got the idea of preserving in a table-top pieces of the most familiar trees of all sections of the country. In the selection and collection of the woods the Forestry Service of the United States Department of Agriculture, as well as state foresters, experiment stations, and conservation stations cooperated.

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The addition of a footboard turns a length of rain-conductor pipe into a practical ski.

slots 8 in. apart in the front end for tie straps of heavy tape or narrow leather.

Through the holes in the foot boards insert T-head bolts made by driving off the heads of stove bolts, splitting the shanks and bending the split sections outward. Put the heads through the slots in the pipes and turn them at right angle so that they will hold when the nuts are screwed down tightly.

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### Building a Snow Igloo

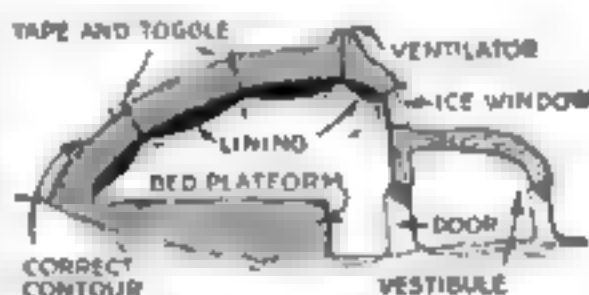
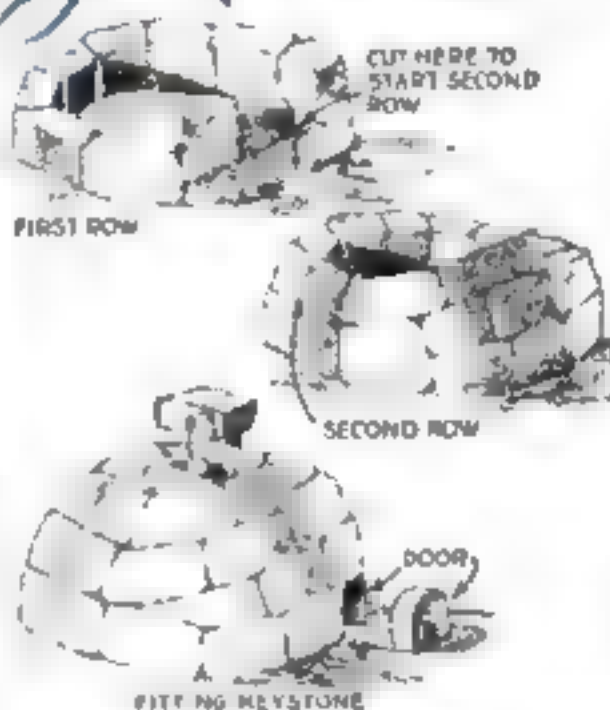
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provides support for the near horizontal blocks before the top one, or key block, is in place.

Build slowly. Fit carefully. Do not worry about shape or regularity. No Eskimo builds the same kind of igloo on his upper blocks twice in his life. General contour is the important point.

Your key block may be square, oblong, triangular, or even round, depending on how you come out. Drop it gently into place and lower it, if necessary, by the process of running your knife blade back and forth along its edges.

An Eskimo starts his blubber lamp as soon as the igloo is finished. A lamp or an alcohol stove will do. Explorers favor



Steps in building an igloo and sectional view showing the bed platform and the interior

a lamp that is really a pressure stove of small size, burning kerosene or gasoline.

The object of heat is to "set" the walls. In five minutes they are seen to settle. If the temperature is around zero, they harden almost immediately. A fine glaze may form inside. This is valuable in shedding moisture or water when cooking begins; it also adds great strength.

During this settling process the rough edges between blocks should be chinked with snow on the outside. A half-round door should be cut and fitted at the bottom in front. Unless a small ventilating hole is made in the roof, the air inside will soon be consumed and the stove go out.

Vestibule, sleeping platform and window are built after about 20 minutes of the settling process. The vestibule is simply a small igloo outside the front door. It provides shelter for dogs and footgear, and makes egress more pleasant. The sleeping platform is built up of hard

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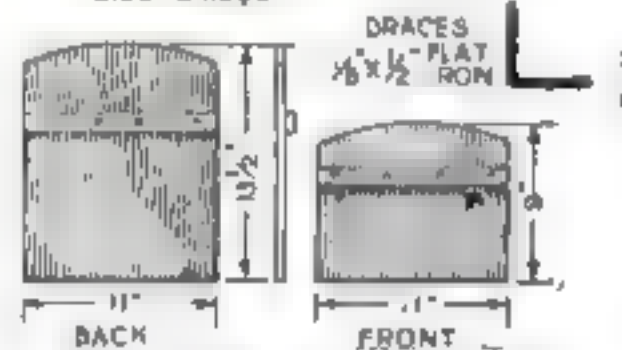
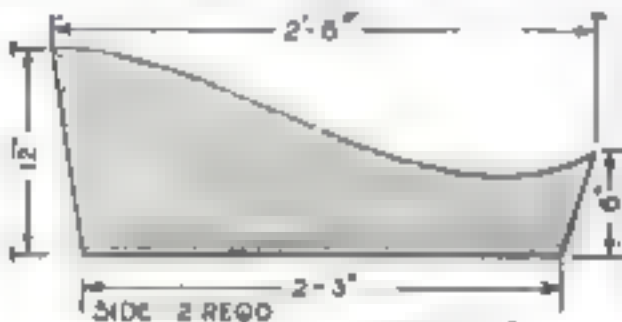
## The Home Workshop

### Quickly Built Box Makes Sled Comfortable for Baby

HOW a child's sled may be made into a useful conveyance for the baby with very little work and almost no expense, is shown in the accompanying illustrations.

A few boards from a dry-goods box can be utilized, or a  $\frac{3}{4}$ -in. board bought at the lumber yard. If the stock is 12 in. wide, it is possible to cut each of the four pieces in a single piece. Otherwise, they must be made in two sections.

A hardwood cleat is fastened to the back and front, and the box put together with screws and fixed to the sled with four small angle irons. Either paint or



Four wooden pieces, two cleats, and four braces are needed for the sled box.

varnish may be used in finishing the box. When the child outgrows this conveyance, the sled is as good as ever for play purposes.

### Building a Snow Igloo

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snow blocks, dry grass or skins. It should be above the level of the entrance to assure warmth. The window is a cake of fresh-water ice cut the size and shape of one of the front blocks and pushed in after the walls have hardened.

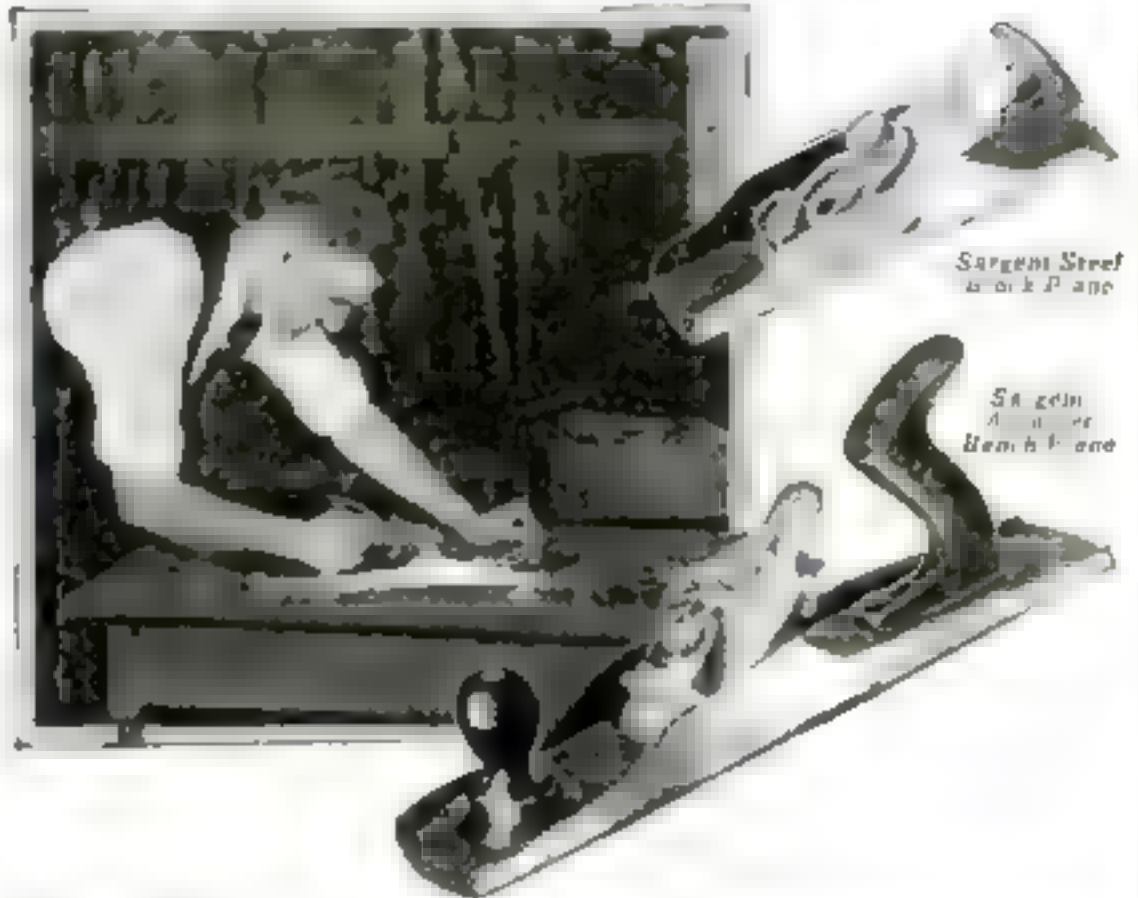
A canvas or skin lining adds great luxury to an igloo. It should be made the shape of the finished house. Small pieces of tape-line from various points on its surface through the igloo's walls to bone or wooden toggles outside.

The ventilating hole at the top is kept plugged with grass unless the stove flickers or the walls melt too rapidly.

I once lived comfortably through a 24-day blizzard in a snow igloo. Sat and played cards in my undershirt and smoked my pipe. Outside it was 52 below zero and an inferno of wind and drift. Inside was luxury. That's why I think a snow igloo is a man-made miracle.

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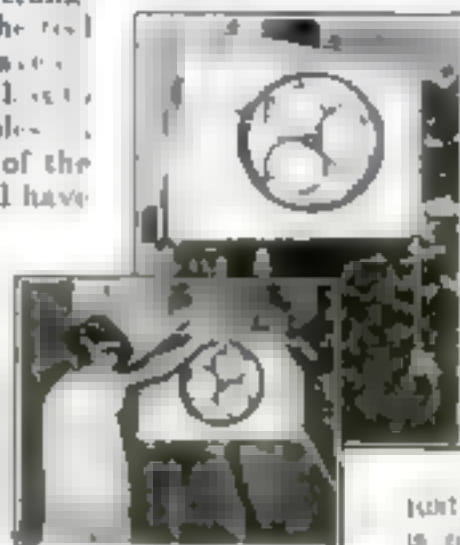
To make one, obtain the crankshaft and belt wheel of an old sewing machine. Build a board drum by nailing boards tightly together with the crank shaft between. Build up the reel to ample thickness and shape the corners. Next, make a hole to hold the drum, boring holes on each side to take the ends of the crankshaft. The wheel will have to be detached until the ends of the shaft are in place in the holes. Now put the wheel back on the shaft. The box must be firmly fastened to the side of a building or to a post.

Drill a 5/16-in. hole through the outer rim of the wheel or have a smith do it for you, and

put in an iron bolt to serve as a handle. Cut off a piece of "two by four" about 8 in. long. Saw this at an angle of 45 degrees at one end and bolt the piece through the side of the box as shown so that it is at an angle of 45 degrees above the inside upper rim of the wheel. It will form a friction clutch.

Close the front of the box except for a slit 1 1/2 in. wide across the entire front. Put a hinged cover on the top of the box. Fasten the end of the clothes-line to the drum with a lagscrew or heavy screw and wind the line onto the drum. Pull the loose end through the slit and attach a ring.

The drum of the reel illustrated holds from 200 to 300 ft. of rope. The line can be adjusted in about five minutes. It is protected from dirt and wet and the yard looks better.—MISS A. BESS CLARK, Maquoketa, Ia.



A substantial reel with wooden handle

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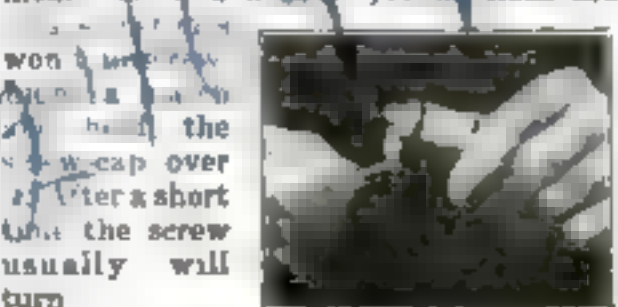
A HEAT-RETAINING cover to be placed over flat-irons or dishes containing fat, is made by fastening a wooden

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METAL TOILET in a bathroom, a good idea. The toilet, a good idea. The toilet, a good idea.



### Mending Gas-Hose

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When a furnace is installed in an old house, it is often found that a pipe from the kitchen chimney. Many furnace men refuse to guarantee a furnace unless the upper flue is closed, for the reason that the furnace will not have sufficient draft. By cementing a small stove-pipe and elbow into the chimney for the range connection, as is shown at the right, a good draft for both stove and furnace will be insured.—C. W. HUBERTZ, Corry, Pa.

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## The Shipshape Floor

### Improving Wide Flooring

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IN DECORATING our dining-room, the stucco ceiling presented a problem that we overcame in a manner others may find useful. The paper for the walls was to be a mottled brown. To suit this a bronze color was used in the ceiling finish, but the color could be varied to suit any toned paper desired.

The ceiling first was brushed over with a hard varnish. This took off some of the loose particles and stuck on all the others, so that after the first coating nothing fell off. This was left to dry overnight and then the whole ceiling was coated with bronze, that is, regular bronze powder mixed with benzoline liquid or "banana oil," which dries very quickly.

To tone down the bright color of the bronze, the next coat was a paint made of equal parts of linseed oil, turpentine and gasoline, with enough Prussian blue to give a light color. More blue than was added to make the color much darker, and the ceiling was stippled, that is, an area about 1 ft. in diameter was painted here and there on the ceiling until a clouded effect was obtained. This gave a beautiful finish and did not destroy the stucco effect, which so many finishes would have done.—H. C.

### Screw for Door Spindle

WHEN a door-knob remains loose for some time, the set screw threads in the spindle become so badly worn as to be worthless. Instead of retapping the spindle and fitting a larger machine screw, simply turn a round-headed brass wood screw of suitable size into the old hole. The iron will cut threads in the brass and bind the screw so that it will not work loose. This is a repair always quickly made.



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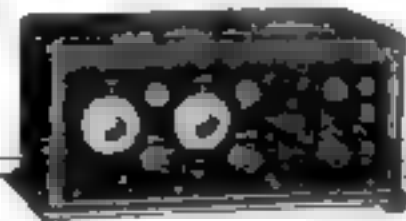
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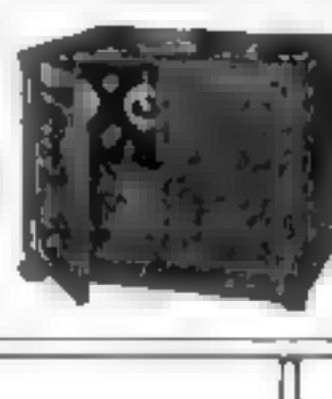
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# Better Shop Methods

## What You Can Do with the Aid of a Portable Electric Drill

**T**HE foundry was about to pour a 10-ton

By George Arthur Luers  
Mechanical and Automotive Engineer

labor-saving tool. To describe the applications of an electric drill at length would be impossible in this article, but a brief outline of the valuable work that can be accomplished by it in several different fields will suggest what you can do in your own line with a good drill.

As a last precaution, the molder tried out the pour before filling the crucible. He was dismayed to find a broken connection.

After a tense and anxious scrutiny of the break, the master molder gave a few quiet orders. A machinist brought in a portable electric drill, some drills, and several bolts.

Ten minutes' work by the mechanic and his helper with the drill and they were able to put bolts through to hold the connection. The foundry work then proceeded to a successful pouring of the huge casting. Not only does the portable hand electric drill come to the aid in breathless emergencies like this in a big foundry, but the usefulness of the tool follows through to the final installation of the identification plate on the finished construction.

The hand drill of the electric type, with grips, convenient switch and adjustable chuck, is a comparatively late utility. It really has come into almost universal application and been appreciated thoroughly during the past 10 years. Its moderate cost, convenience, and serviceability are responsible for its popularity.

The tool is especially convenient because it obtains its power from any electric-light socket.

The light weight and portability adapt it to manual use in practically every location, no matter how inaccessible. Jobs ranging from factory production to the household task of sharpening the carving knife, find the portable electric drill an indispensable time- and

In the Machine Shop—Grinding, particularly tools that are in place on boring bars; tool clearances in work on machines, on lathe tools, and in work being assembled.

Scratch brushing and buffing to remove forging or casting scale and in assembly work, before enameling or polishing the finished product.

Drilling holes at assembly for bolts, rivets, screws, and for attaching name plates. Countersinking and reaming during assembly.

Screwing on nuts is another use for the drill, when special fittings are available. These fittings are some simple form of friction clutch, made up as a plate clutch, which will release the drill from the work when the bolt seats or the tool jams. A clutch also is required in many instances for tapping or reaming, where it is not practical to govern the tool movement closely enough by the switch alone.

A variety of other work in which a revolving tool is used, can be accomplished almost as easily as drilling.

In Carpentry and Pattern Shops—Boring with the bits intended for the brace is an achievement in which the portable drill vastly exceeds all the speed of hand work.

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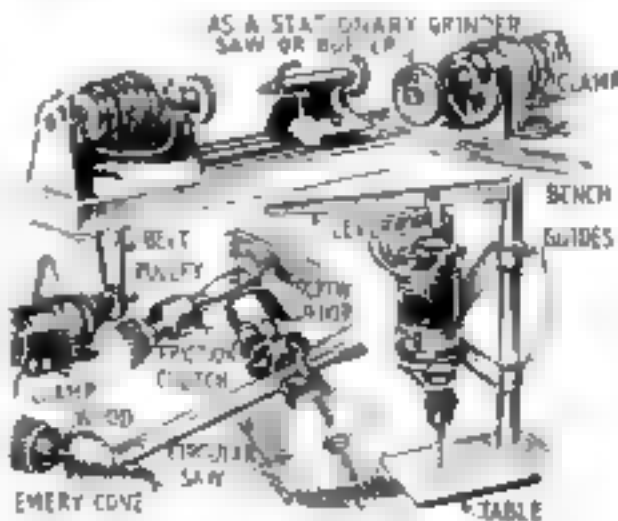
opening can be made with the electric drill without physical effort.

Tool sharpening, by means of a small

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In critical emergencies, as when this crucible connection broke, an electric hand drill often can be used to save the day.



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### A Portable Electric Drill

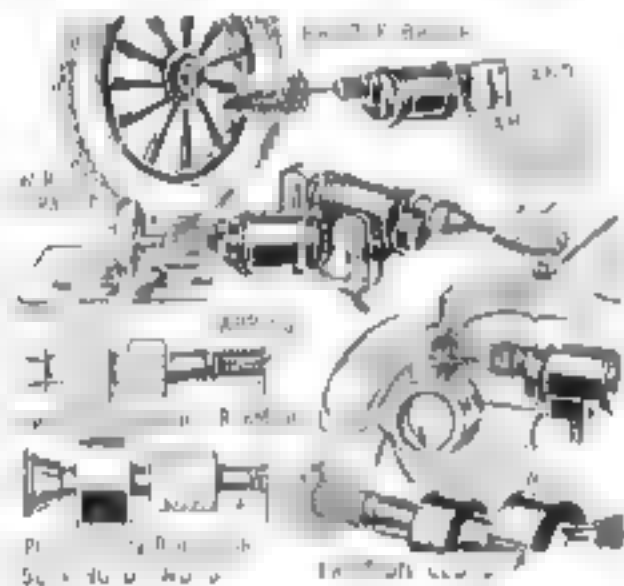
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emery or carborundum stone mounted on the drill, is most expeditious. The sharpening of circular saws, blades of trimmers, planer blades, router blades, and various other machine tools can be taken care of, frequently by grinding them in place.

Grinding gouges of the inside ground type, is done readily by using an emery cone held in the drill chuck.

Driving screws can be accomplished with great speed and ease with the portable drill. A disk clutch that will release when the screw "bottoms" is required in this application.

Sawing, such as is necessary to cut through centers of flooring or walls, can be done with a small circular saw chucked in the drill. Electric outlets, water piping, and heating-pipe installations re-



In auto maintenance work, the electric drill has many uses other than drilling.

quire the use of the keyhole saw, but the small circular saw on the drill dispenses with much laborious keyhole saw work.

Many other applications of the drill in pattern work are possible by making simple revolving tools to grind edge cutters. By use of a pulley, the drill can be made to drive a foot-power turning lathe. The writer has seen the drill adapted by use of a crank attachment for driving the sand riddle in a foundry.

In the Building Trades — Drilling through girders, joists, and beams makes the portable drill an invaluable aid to the builder. Many operations in plumbing, electric work, heating-plant work, gas-line installations and roof work can be done faster with its aid.

Scratch brush work, in which a wire brush is mounted in the drill, makes possible a much desired finish for face brick on the building front. With smaller brushes the routing of mortar from face brick can be accomplished with ease and rapidity.

Emery and sandpaper disks mounted in the drill are used to advantage in finishing inside trim.

A circular saw on the drill finds a multiplicity of uses in the building, from hanging window sashes to cutting special moldings for trimming out.

An emery wheel on the drill allows edge tools, from the chisel to the hatchet, to be

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### Cutter Grinding Arbor



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### A Portable Electric Drill

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In the Home Workshop—In the home workshop, the portable drill finds an unlimited field of usefulness. Repairs of every nature, from the furnace to the installation of complete window and door screening, are accomplished neatly and rapidly with a handy portable.

A practical application of the drill is as a small power plant to turn the home-workshop lathe. A pulley and clamp connect the portable with a belt drive to the lathe headstock spindle.

The scratch brush, grinding wheel, and buffing wheel are always useful attachments to the home-workshop drill. Tool grinding, metal polishing, removal of old paint and enamel are done with these attachments.

The buffing wheel is of service for many jobs from refinishing a chandelier to refinishing a brass bed.

With the addition of a small circular saw and a guide plate around the saw, the portable may be converted to wood cutting.

Many constructions are possible that will utilize the power of the drill. These are along similar lines to corresponding shop machines. Surface grinders, small milling attachments, stationary drilling machines, and holders for the portable drill can be made from iron plate, angle iron, and other easily handled materials, including wood.

Care of the Electric Drill—The drill requires care. It should never be water soaked and shorted. It is advisable to keep it in a box on a shop shelf, shielded from dust and dampness. The electric cable connection should be given an occasional coating of shellac varnish. The cable should not be kinked unnecessarily, or pulled or rubbed. The commutator and brushes should be cleaned occasionally with fine sandpaper.

Oil the bearings with the regularity prescribed by the maker. It is not necessary to take the machine apart frequently, but all the screws and bolts in the frame should be kept intact and tight.

The electric drill represents the modern trend in tool design. It is no wonder it increases in popularity every day, because it has an unlimited capacity to save time and labor.

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## Better Shop Methods

### Success in Grinding

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speed, both with the idea of safety and highest cutting efficiency. The wheels are tested before leaving the factory and the safe speed is marked on the label accompanying the wheel. This speed never should be exceeded.

It often happens that the label is lost or mutilated and this important information is not readily at hand. Roughly, a surface speed of one mile a minute for any kind of a grinding wheel is a fairly safe rule to follow when in doubt, and this is not far from the actual speed specified for any wheel. The makers generally advise a speed ranging between 5000 and 6000 ft. a minute. Never exceed 6500 ft. a minute without special instructions.

**G**REAT care should be taken in mounting a grinding wheel on the machine spindle. It never should be forced on, but must be a free sliding fit.

If the wheel is too tight, scrape out the lead inner lining to make it go on freely. A pad or washer of heavy cardboard, rubber or felt may be used on each side of the wheel between the flanges. The nut is never to be set with excessive pressure, as there is danger of starting a crack that will weaken the wheel. It is good practice and a safety precaution to examine a wheel before placing it on the spindle, to see that there are no hidden defects that might cause it to break.

In all grinding operations it is important to have the wheel running true. The best results are obtained by truing up the wheel often. On some kinds of work this may mean truing up after each piece. On production work of a light character, perhaps a dozen or more pieces can be ground before it is necessary to true up the wheel.

If the machine is running steadily all day on one kind of work, it is good practice to true up the wheel about every 30 or 40 minutes. This insures against clogging and keeps the wheel always sharp so that it will do its best work. A diamond should be used for truing.

**I**N COMMON practice, grinding is classified as "wet" and "dry." Production grinding is usually carried on by the wet grinder. Wet grinding requires a lubricant, either plain water or any one of many grinding compounds. These compounds are usually some soapy substance mixed with water.

A grinding compound is best for all practical purposes; it eliminates the tendency of the work to rust and gives a much better finish. In Figs. 1 and 4 (page 98) is illustrated work done by the wet grinding process. Figure 1 shows a machine set up for grinding crankshafts and a close-up of the job.

Grinding crankshafts is a job that has become highly specialized. It is now commonly done by what is known as the wide-wheel method. In many cases the machine is specially designed and there is no lateral movement of the wheel. The wheel is fed directly into the work.

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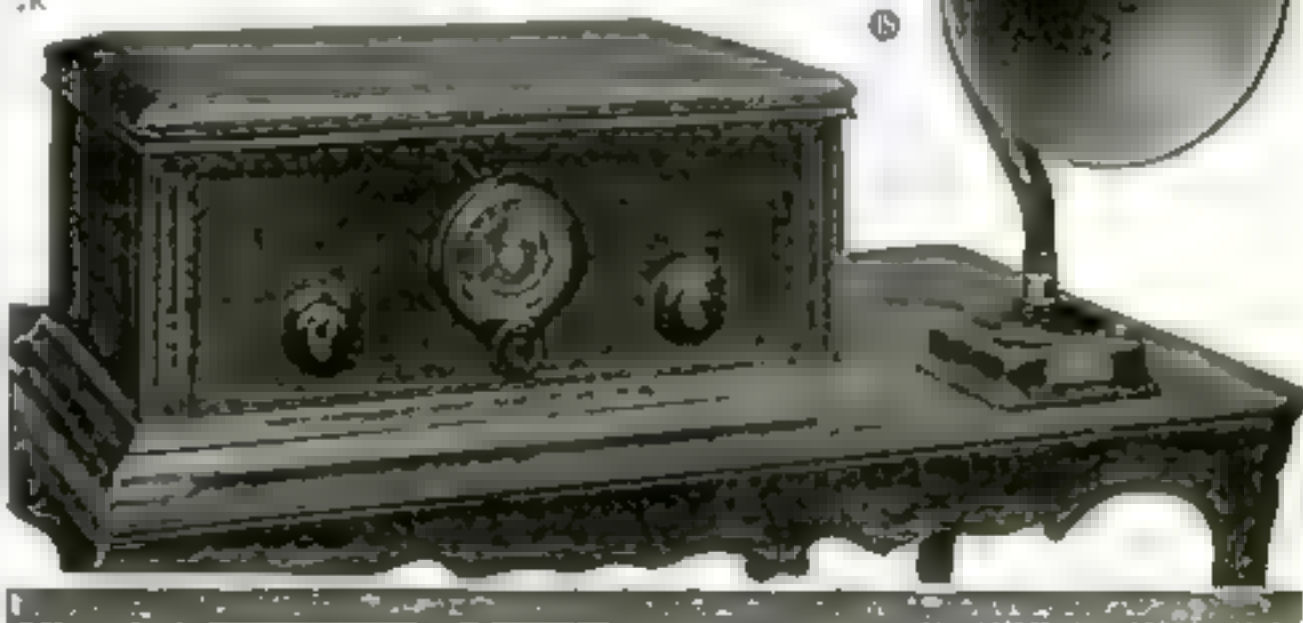
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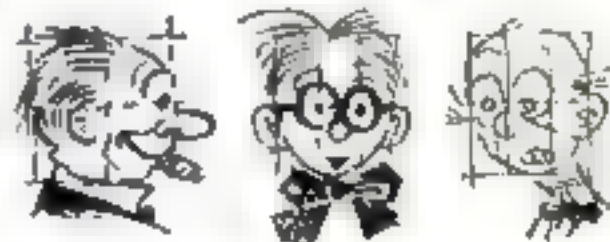
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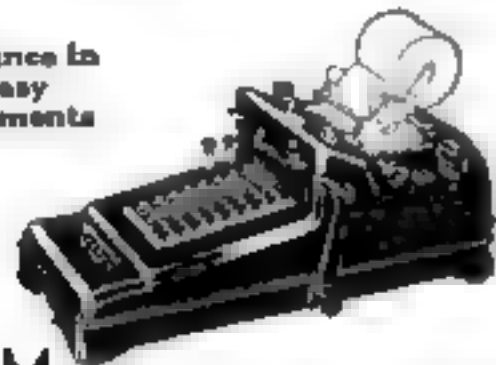
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## Better Shop Methods

### Success in Grinding

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with the hand-feed screw. Stops are set for the size of the pin and the diameter is checked with a dial test indicator attached to the machine. The wheel, of course, corresponds to the length of the pin and is made especially for each size of crankshaft being ground.

A GREAT variety of work can be done by the wide-wheel method, and now machines have been perfected that produce finished parts much more rapidly than the old center-traverse methods. The most recent development in this line is the centerless grinder shown in Fig. 5. This method is a radical departure from all previous practices. The operation of the machine is continuous. The work, being fed into the machine, passes between two wheels, which are set in relation to

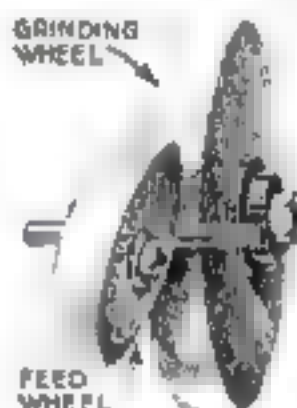


Fig. 5. Diagram showing principle of the centerless grinder

each other to produce a grinding and feeding action, as shown diagrammatically in Fig. 5. The work is supported by a rest, and the grinding wheel presses the work against the rest and also against the regulating or feed wheel. Both wheels are usually of the same material with a surface sufficiently rough to prevent any slipping of the work.

In Fig. 6 is shown the wide range of work the centerless machine will handle. It is claimed that by this method, under manufacturing conditions, it is possible to produce work accurate as to size and uniform in quality of finished product. This is aside from production gains.

Another innovation within the past few years is a type of machine using a wide wheel (Fig. 6). This is known as a "plunge grinder," as the wheel virtually is plunged into the work or against a stop set to obtain the desired size. Although built along the lines of the familiar center grinder, the wheel does not traverse the work, but is wide enough to cover the whole length of the piece being ground.

IN THIS type of machine, the wheel is working to capacity at all times. It is claimed that the wheel requires less frequent truing for a given number of pieces. The wheel can be fed into the work either by hand or automatically by power. The wheels for the machine illustrated are 20 in. in diameter and from 2 to 7 in. in width.

Internal grinding, that is, the finishing of cylindrical holes, is accomplished with the aid of internal grinding attachments for standard machines or by special internal grinding machines. The spindle speeds for these machines are considerably higher than those used on the external type, although the surface speed of the wheel is not necessarily higher.

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### Success in Grinding

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Although usually done dry, some of the special machines for internal grinding are equipped to use water. The wheels are somewhat softer than those used on external work, as the area of contact of the wheel with the work is greater. If the wheel was hard, it would glaze rapidly and heat up the work so that it would be impossible to take accurate measurements.

Tool and cutter grinding is usually done dry, sometimes with special attachments for the standard machine, but more often on machines specially designed for tool and cutter grinding. The wheels should be soft, as they are almost always grinding very hard materials and a hard wheel would be very apt to burn a delicate cutting edge or draw the temper of the tool being ground.

In grinding cutting tools, such as taps, dies, reamers, milling cutters, and the

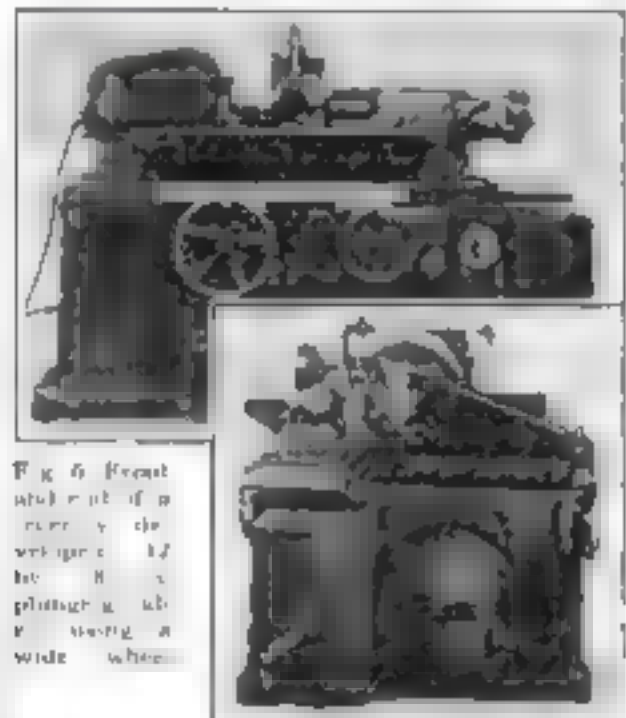


Fig. 6 Front and side views of a grinding machine. The front view shows a large, heavy-duty machine with a large wheel and a workpiece being ground. The side view shows the machine from a different angle, highlighting its compact design and various adjustment points.

like, the wheel should never be forced. Light cuts should be taken so that the wheel will not wear away too much before the cutter has been once around, as any wear on the wheel will result in an out-of-round cutter or reamer.

Another important consideration in grinding tools is to keep the wheel moving across the work when it is grinding. If it is allowed to rest in one spot, it may burn the edge or produce a low spot in the tool.

The relative advantages of wet and dry grinding are somewhat undecided. All kinds of tools are ground dry, but some of the special tool grinders use water or a grinding compound. This undoubtedly is an advantage in grinding twist drills and heavy forged lathe and planer tools.

On production work the coolant serves two purposes: It keeps the work cool and produces a better finish. This has been demonstrated in practice so that wet grinding is a decided advantage in most production work.

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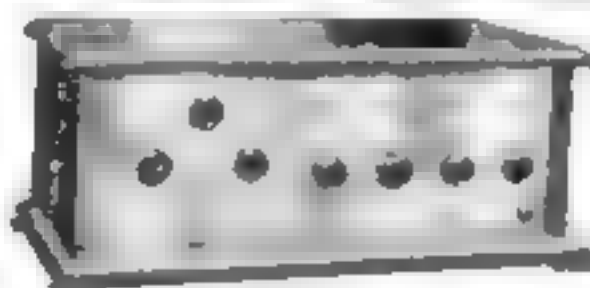
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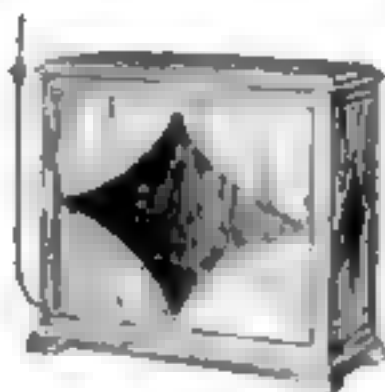
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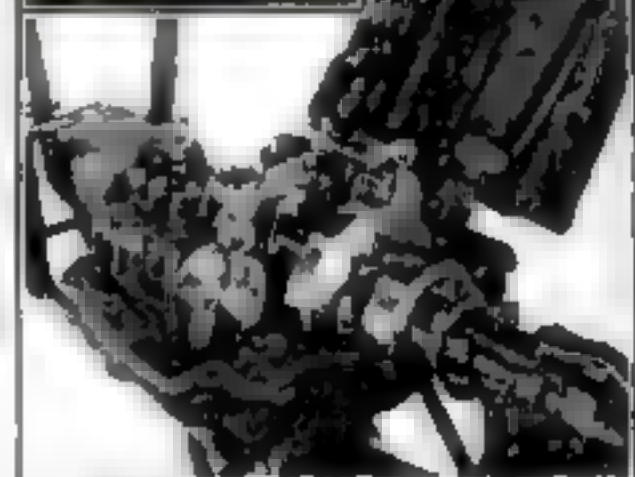
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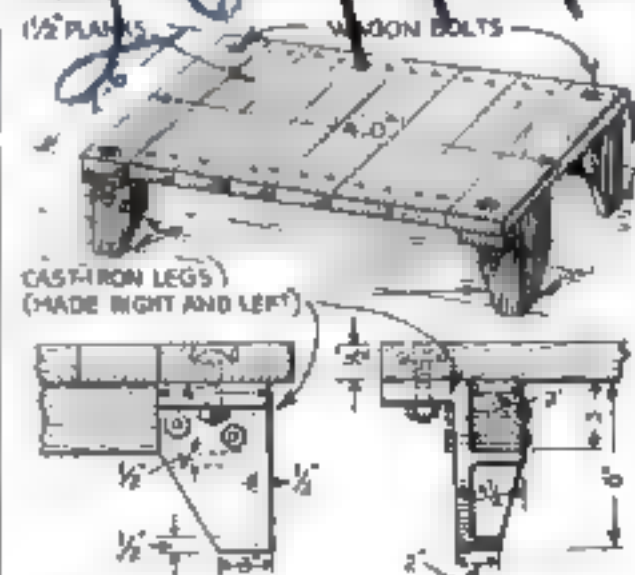


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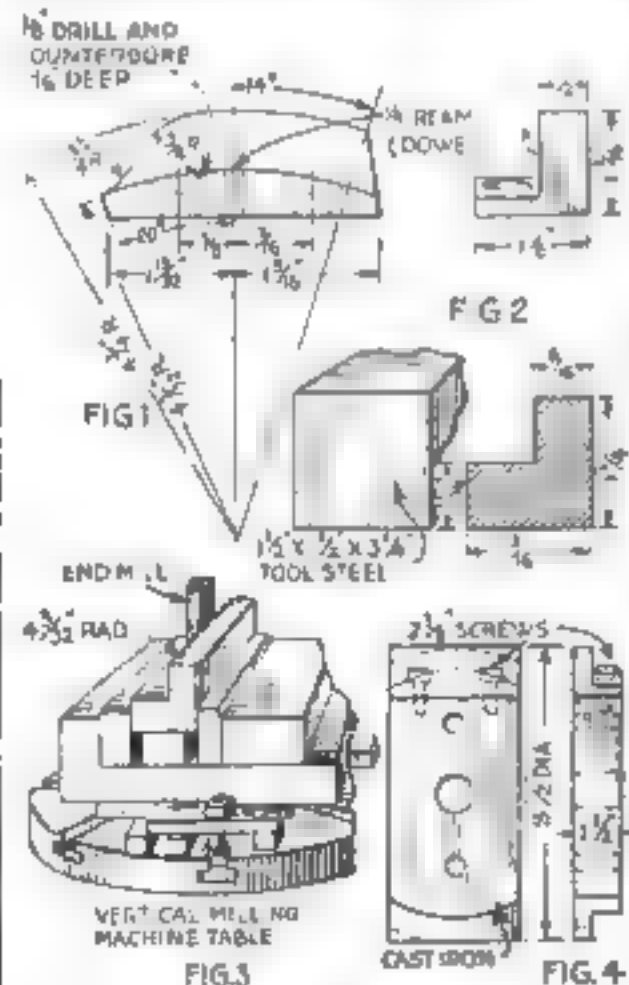
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THE piece shown in Fig. 1, a tool-steel cam, is to be machined for an experimental job. No special tools are to be used, as only one piece is required. How would you do it?

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N. W. Akimoff, general manager of the Akimoff Propeller Company, Philadelphia, recently has given an explanation of the Magnus Law as applied to the Flettner ship. He begins by considering what would occur if the two cylinders on the *Barkus* were stationary and the longest dimension of the ship were at right angles to the wind. In that case, says Mr. Akimoff, the wind going around each cylinder would be evenly divided so that there would be no action on the ship.

Then, suppose there were no wind, but that the cylinders were spinning at the rate of 120 revolutions a minute.

THE layers of air directly in contact with the moving cylindrical surface would revolve with practically the same velocity as the cylinder.

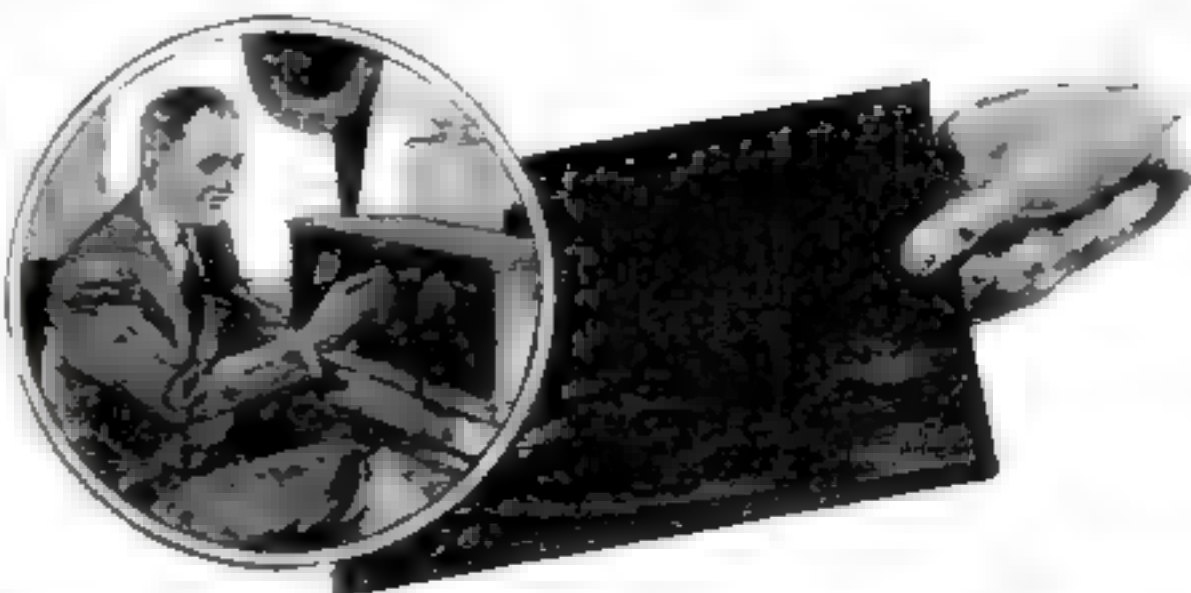
But in the case of the Flettner ship, there is a combination of the two preceding cases—the cylinders spinning and at the same time wind acting upon the ship. Then on one side of the cylinder, the velocity of the wind is opposed by the velocity of the air adjoining the cylinder, thus retarding the velocity of the wind. This means an increase in pressure.

On the other side of the cylinder, the opposite is true. The velocity of the wind combines with the velocity of the air layers next the cylinders, resulting in a decrease in pressure. On one side of the cylinder there is an increase of pressure, on the opposite side a decrease, so that there results a strong force from the stronger to the weaker pressure. This causes the ship to move forward.

THE magnitude of this effect, Mr. Akimoff says, may be computed by multiplying the following quantities. The density of the air, the velocity of the wind, the peripheral or surface velocity of each cylinder, the circumference of each cylinder, and the height of each cylinder. In the case of one of the cylinders on the *Barkus*, considering the velocity of the wind at 40 feet a second, the forward thrust due to the moving cylinder would be 12,000 pounds. Actually, this would be reduced, on account of various losses, to the extent of 10 per cent.

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## Henry Ford—"There Is Always Room for More"

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His interest in and knowledge of the most minute details of the things that are being done throughout his organization is profound, which probably is not remarkable considering that he himself instituted, or at least directed, the adoption of all these methods and policies. He is constantly alert to unearth new developments that may be useful in his work of making better motors. About 500 new ideas a week on the average are given a trial in the Ford organization, sometimes only on a laboratory scale, at other times in gigantic proportions, and the cost of this kind of research reaches a million dollars a week!

SIX hundred acres of flax recently have been harvested at Dearborn as a means of testing the advantages of linen over cotton in the manufacture of the cloth used in motor-cars. There is a plantation in Florida where experts are investigating methods of growing rubber. Sometimes these experiments produce results of immediate practical utility, as for example, when Henry Ford's scientists determined not long ago that rubber, asbestos, and straw, suitably processed, might be substituted effectively for wood in making steering-wheels for Ford cars.

Sometimes such tests yield nothing, which bothers Henry Ford no whit, so long as the experimenter has courage enough and energy enough to try again.

Methods and processes that have been tested and adopted by the Ford organization are not kept secret, nor guarded in any way. They may be borrowed and utilized by any other motor manufacturer or any other industry. Engineers in the employ of André Citroën, sometimes called the "Henry Ford of France," not long ago spent weeks studying the methods of the Ford factories with a view to adopting them in the manufacture of Citroën cars. They were given all possible cooperation.

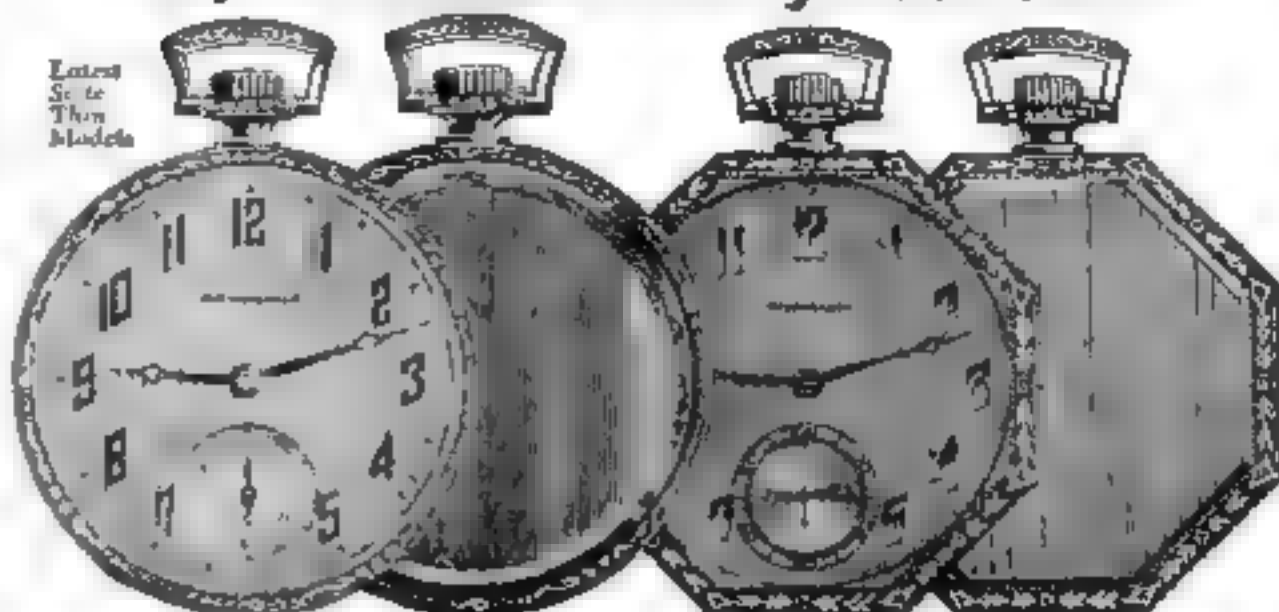
NOW, whether is all this leading? What may be expected of the Ford Motor Company of the future? We hear frequent prophecies regarding "flying" airplanes. Often the opinion is expressed that in the future men will journey through the air in tiny, individual planes as casually as they now drive their automobiles through the city streets.

I asked Henry Ford a few days ago whether he ever considered the possibility that the Ford Motor Company might some day be turning its resources to the manufacture of airplanes.

"We are, of course, interested in the airplane motor," he replied, "as we are interested in every kind of motor. We took the lead in the production of airplane motors during the war. We have an airplane landing-field, and we are building a mooring-mast for dirigibles. The

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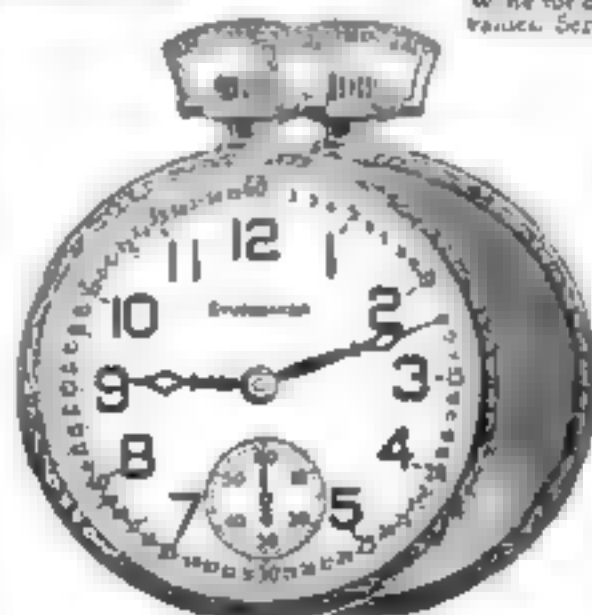
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## Henry Ford—"There Is Always Room for More"

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airplane is coming, but it must find its place. What that place will be I shall not attempt to predict.

"**C**ERTAINLY the airplane will not displace the automobile, cause it to disappear, for nothing ever disappears. The automobile and the tractor have not brought about the disappearance of the horse, or of the bicycle. More people are riding horseback today than ever before, and the sale of bicycles keeps well within sight of the peak figures of 25 years ago. Despite the electric light, more candles are being consumed today than at any time in the past. The new thing never entirely displaces the old. When it appears, it merely makes a readjustment necessary. Then, when this is effected, with old and new occupying their places of greatest utility, the world goes on much as before (though better, of course, for the improvement that has been made).

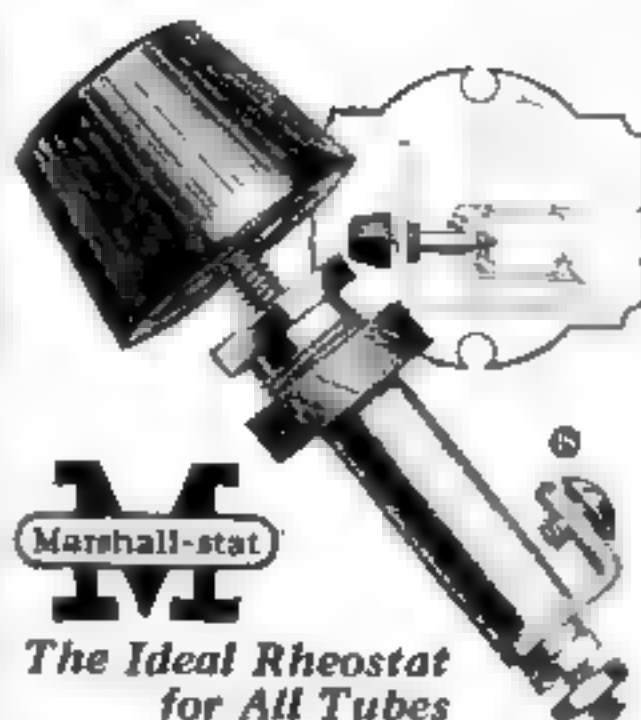
"Everything finds its proper place in the world, every person, too, eventually. The automobile has been finding its place gradually for years. When the automobile first came, the world was not quite prepared for it; there were few roads suited to the automobile, but the automobile brought good roads, and it will bring more as they are needed.

"Now alarm is being expressed in some quarters because the automobile, in its necessary process of finding its place, is causing traffic congestion in our big cities. You frequently hear it said that the world is approaching the 'saturation point' in automobiles. The 'saturation point,' however—the time when the world will have more automobiles than it has room for—never will be reached. You may depend on that. Just as the roads needed by the automobiles have been built, and continue to be built, so the congestion that the automobile is causing will be cured, not by double-decked streets, underground roads and cellar parking spaces in the business sections of the big cities, but by the elimination of the necessity for the present crowded business sections.

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"People are becoming better educated from the automobile; they are becoming better acquainted with one another and more charitable toward one another. They are learning to avoid getting into trouble with one another. Some day it won't be necessary for big buildings where people must go to see lawyers to get them out of trouble. They won't have to go to the big buildings of the cities for other purposes either, for they will have

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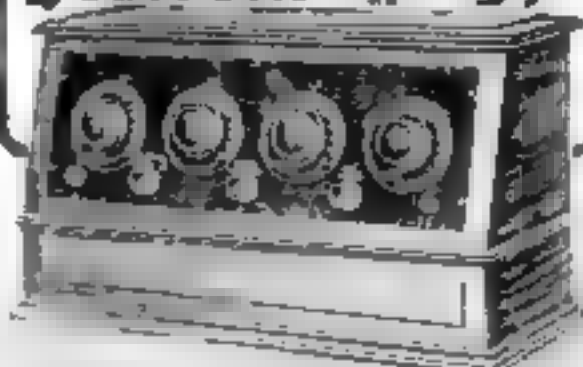
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everything sufficient for their needs close by them in the country. Then there won't be any big buildings, any crowded places at all."

THIS may seem like a fanciful theory. If you live in a large city, even if you merely work in a large city and commute to the country, you'll find it rather difficult to imagine that city some day becoming like its present suburbs. And yet Henry Ford sees this idea exemplified, partly anyway, in his own organization. More than 5000 automobiles, owned by Ford employees, are parked at the River Rouge plant every day, bearing eloquent testimony to the fact that men may motor to their work from as far as 25 miles away without inconvenience.

About the Highland Park plant, six miles approximately from the center of Detroit, there has grown up an industrial community, where store shops, banks, theaters and schools make it unnecessary for Ford employees ever to visit the city itself unless they wish. The Ford plan of establishing small industries in rural sections where there are water-power sites already has proved the practicability of linking industry and the farm by supplying farm labor with gainful work between the harvest and planting seasons.

Henry Ford is reputed to be the world's richest man, and the whole world, in consequence, has found its way to his door. You frequently hear it said that Henry Ford is not a philanthropist, that he has not followed the lead of other great industrial leaders in giving large sums to charity. Whether you look on him as a philanthropist depends entirely on how you define the word. He believes that the self-respecting man does not want gifts, but an opportunity to pay his own way; and that is the form that his philanthropy has taken.

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How much the average American workman has benefited through the widespread adoption of the once revolutionary Ford idea of paying the highest possible wages and carrying on an extensive program of welfare work it would be impossible to estimate.

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By Byron C. Kelly, A.M., LL.D.

I am past 40 myself. I had begun to wonder when I would begin to break—to lose my old-time pep and aggressiveness—when through a mutual friend I made the personal acquaintance of a certain member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, whose wonderful work I had heard of. I made a trip to his laboratories and the things I learned should interest every man approaching or past the prime of life. Surprising as it may seem, nearly two-thirds of all men past a certain middle age suffer with a disorder of an important gland.

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he is about to institute. As a motor manufacturer he has learned that an efficient engine is produced only by use of the best materials, and is kept running efficiently only by use of the best fuel and lubricating oil. He believes—and his opinion is substantiated by leading scientists—that something similar may be true of the human engine.

"I BELIEVE," he said, "that most human ills are directly traceable to food. In manufacture you cannot make your product better than the materials you put into it, and food supplies the materials from which the human body is built up. From proper food a strong body comes, from improper food a weak body. In epidemics some people become sick, others equally exposed do not. The reason, I believe, is to be found in the differences in physical constitution of the various people, due to the kind and quality of the food they are accustomed to eat."

"Our organization is preparing to tackle this all-important food problem, and to solve it. In our laboratories we have the facilities to perform the necessary research, and through our organization we have the means of applying the knowledge gained in the laboratory and placing information on the food question where it is needed."

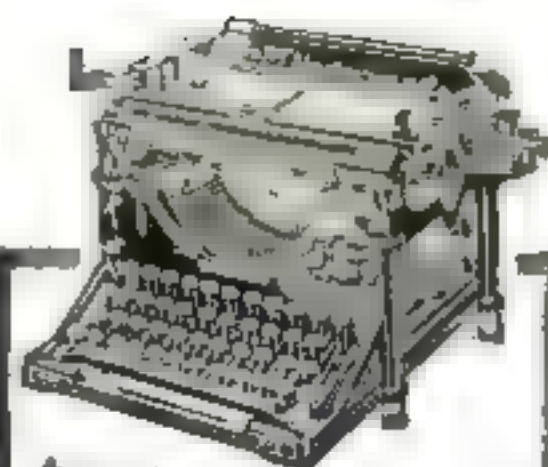
Despite the enormous demands that the mere routine of his position make upon him, Mr. Ford finds time to devote himself to a wide range of personal interests. You read, no doubt, how he purchased, renovated and restored a picturesque old inn in New England. He is doing the same thing now to an old inn about 16 miles from Detroit. He is making a collection of old American music and musical instruments. He has a remarkable collection of old American carriages and other vehicles—the "one-hoss shay," the mail coach, and so on.

THESE, he believes, are the documents from which the present generation should learn of the past. That is what he meant when he said recently that history was "bunk." What he meant was history as written, colored, and amplified by personal opinion and unfounded legends.

It may interest you to know whom Henry Ford considers the world's greatest scientists. These are the names he himself selected to be carved above the entrance to the new Experimental Laboratory nearing completion at Dearborn, near Detroit.

Darwin, Ampere, Da Vinci, Franklin, Fulton, Whitney, Bell, Marconi, Wright, Burbank, Edison, Burroughs (John Burroughs, naturalist), Kirby (Frank E. Kirby, naval architect, still living at Detroit), Diesel, Faraday, Curie, Otto, Newton, Dunlop (inventor of the pneumatic tire), Pasteur, and Galileo.

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## Two-Cent Trails of Peril

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and shelter. His frozen body was found by the roadside. For the first time in his long career he had failed to deliver the mails.

Dresahn's case may be taken as typical of the perils of the postal trail. A tragic companion picture is afforded by the fate of more than one carrier on the star route between Rocky Bar and Atlanta, in Idaho. The journey is made on snowshoes, for no ordinary vehicle could complete the journey. Traveling afoot the man with his 50-pound burden of mail is at the mercy of the storm.

**I**N THIS part of the Idaho mountains the avalanche is a frequent visitor, moving with a force from which there is no escape. Postal records show that a number of carriers have been buried in these monster slides. One of last year's victims was missing for months. Half a year after his disappearance, the carrier's body was found where he had been engulfed by the snow. His mail bag lay at his side.

On the coast of Oregon there is a mail route that is made especially dangerous by the tides of the Pacific. Between Otter Rock and Newport this route follows the beach beneath a line of rugged cliffs. Carriers are supposed to traverse this stretch at low tide, but sometimes the carrier is caught by the rising tide. At such times he faces the danger of being dashed against the cliffs by the rush of waters, and can escape only by scaling the rocks. Many carriers have had narrow escapes on this route.

Utah has a mail route on which the winter problems are extremely marked. Heavy snows and deep drifts formerly made the mountain roads impassable for a good part of each year. Blockades of mail wagons were common.

**T**HIS condition prevailed until the introduction of the high-powered motor-truck. With this vehicle the Post Office Department has found it possible to buck the drifts and keep the route open throughout the winter.

Expensive? Of course. This route, from Price to Vernal, is the costliest star route in the United States. To carry the mails between the two offices involves an annual outlay of something like \$100,000. The distance is 121 miles. In a case of this kind, however, the government does not count the cost. The people of the isolated mountain regions are entitled to their mail as much as the city folk.

On many of the star routes airplanes would seem to offer solution of problems with which the postal authorities have fought from the beginning of the mail service. Winter air passage across the Rocky Mountains already is regarded as a foregone conclusion in connection with the air-mail between New York and San Francisco. Plans for this route contemplate service every day in the year. Mountain storms and surface blizzards are to be disregarded. There seems to be no reason why similar defiance of the elements could not be practised on the shorter dangerous routes.

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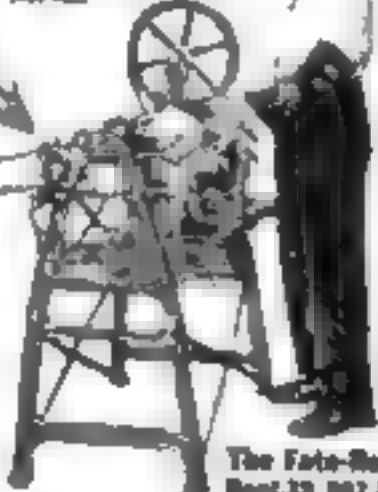
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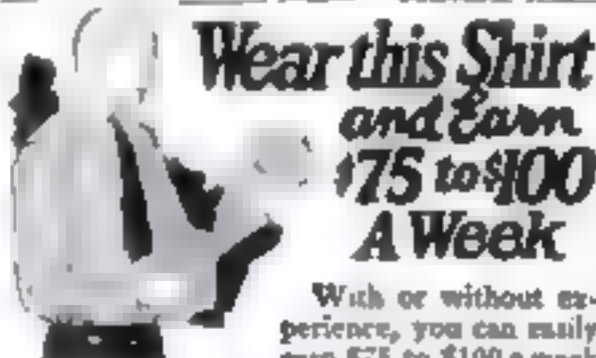
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345962	294736	198537	916483	635819
672389	389254	259671	123874	329418
312876	427395	561487	593182	247153
934612	759431	281937	461289	579361
954178	718254	296851	524617	731825
719325	486592	215367	714529	956142
594231	156843	436978	851763	513647
349716	182653	286415	164985	768914
714932	427163	825749	963567	682917
649752	587436	268794	179428	145389
462758	843216	853624	985273	672841
981374	529817	862934	875126	319546
941258	639187	871596	294378	237465
346521	196235	762491	957641	495867
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Solution to test in Fig. 1, page 45: How the blocks fit in the arrow. The answer to Fig. 2 is to remove the three matches within the largest triangle, leaving two triangles.

How rapidly do you learn? Below is a simple code, in which each letter of the alphabet is represented by a number. The word "and" could be written 2-13-10. In this test you are to write the code number for each letter just above it, as fast as you can when some one times you. A college student can transmute 90 letters into numbers in five minutes.

### CODE

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32

Translate these letters into their corresponding numbers:

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## Your Dials—Keys to the Air

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Practically all of them, however, operate on a loop aerial, consequently it is necessary to follow the instructions for placing the loop that I outlined under reflex sets. This should be done before hunting for the station.

The majority of super-heterodyne receivers have two large tuning dials on the panel. There are some trick "supers," but since they are invariably constructed by men who have a full knowledge of the theory and practice of radio, it is unnecessary to describe their operation here. They are the exception and do not come into general use. On the standard sets the first dial is for tuning to the wave length of the station desired. The second dial controls the frequency-changing device that enables the system to operate with full amplification.

**I**N TUNING a "super" it is important to move the dials very slowly, otherwise it is quite possible to pass over the proper settings. In fact, a Vernier adjustment, or a geared dial is practically necessary. It will be found that after a station is brought in and the first dial is left in its position, the second dial can be moved around until it brings in the station at another position. Each of these two positions should be noted, and the one that gives best results used.

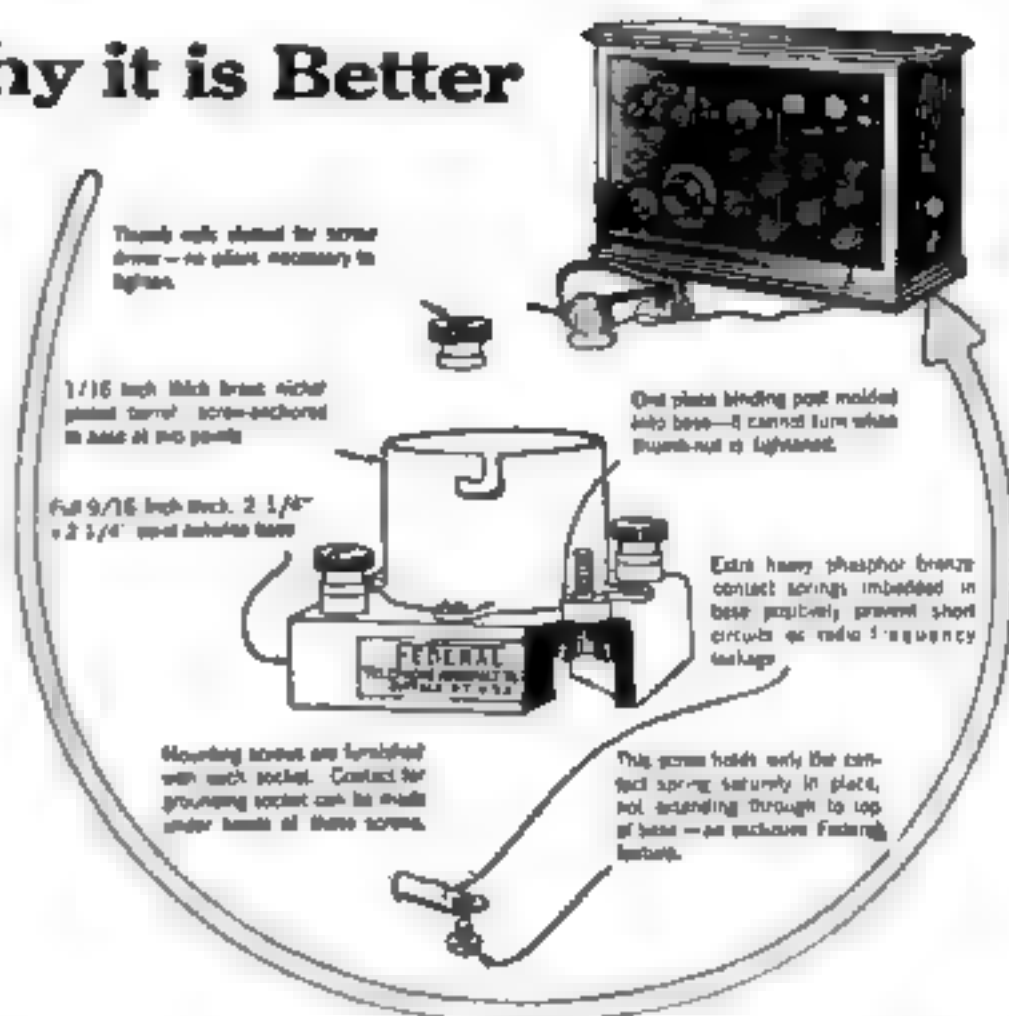
On the second harmonic super-heterodyne there are three, and in some cases four, points where the same station can be taken in. It is best to log these settings on a card, and try them when looking for the same station again in the future. If interference is experienced at any of the settings on the second dial, go to one of the other points where the station can be heard, and see if the interference still exists. When noise is experienced while listening to a distant station, try reducing the rheostat dials.

After you get a station with the super-heterodyne or reflex set, make a final slight adjustment in the position of the loop aerial. It will be found sometimes that although the loop is pointed directly toward the transmitting station, maximum signals are not obtained. The reason may be a local one. Some mass of metal may be reflecting or refracting the waves, and thus cause a slight variation in the position of the loop. These little knacks of tuning can be mastered after a few days' operation of your set.

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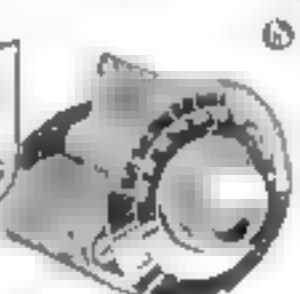
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## To Do Good Soldering

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solder on the end of the copper touches the joint.

Hold it in this position until the solder flows into the joint and over the ends of the wires, as shown in Fig. 3. Then remove the copper and hold the wires steady until the solder has cooled and hardened. Many beginners experience trouble through failure to hold the wires steady. The slightest motion at the instant when the solder hardens will result in a weak joint.

**I**F THE copper is too cold, the solder will not flow over the joint and the wire ends, and if it leaves the copper at all, it will form in little globes or drops that often can be rubbed off the wire with the fingers. The whole secret of soldering is to get the solder to flow on the wire. For oil on a steel surface and for like drops of mercury on a glass plate.

In Fig. 4 are shown a number of soldered joints. At the left is an example of how not to do it. Note how the solder has failed to run on the surface of the metal. The second example is the joint that was actually made while the photographs used in Figs. 2 and 3 were being taken. The third and fourth show how the wires should be overlapped if there is to be any strain on them.

After you have the hang of it, you will find that it takes much less time to wire a receiving set by soldering all the connections than it does if you have to carefully form a loop at each end of every wire to clamp under the binding posts of the instruments. Also, it is easier to cut and bend the wires to the exact length when you do not have to allow for the bending of the loops.

If you use the rosin core solder, you need not worry about the excess soldering flux, since rosin is a good insulator itself and has no tendency to creep over the surface and collect dust.

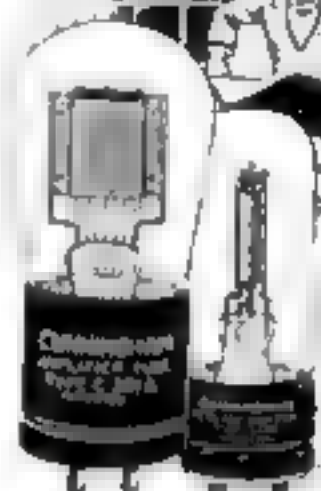
When the greasy types of soldering pastes are used, it is well to use a little paste as possible and wipe off the joint carefully with a rag after each joint while the wires are still hot. If this is done, there is no choice in electrical efficiency between rosin and the usual pastes except in soldering the standard types of jacks that use fiber strips between the contact fingers.

**I**T SEEMS to be almost impossible to solder these jacks with ordinary soldering paste without having some of the paste run up the legs and soak into the fiber. This makes a messy looking job and in many cases actually causes leakage losses.

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the switches  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ , and  $R_3$  as shown in Figs. 2 and 4. From the wire between switches  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  run branches to rheostats  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  and to the minus filament terminal of transformer  $I$ . Now connect a branch from the wire between switches  $R_2$  and  $R_3$  to rheostat  $K_3$ . Next, connect the remaining terminal of switch  $R_3$  to rheostat  $K_4$ .

The other terminal of rheostat  $K_1$  should be connected with the nearest left-hand terminal of socket  $J_1$  (as seen from the rear in Fig. 4). Now connect the remaining terminals of rheostats  $K_2$ ,  $K_3$ , and  $K_4$  with the nearest right-hand terminals (as seen from the rear in Fig. 4) of sockets  $J_2$ ,  $J_3$ , and  $J_4$  respectively, covering the portion of the wire that is under the sub-panel  $U$  with spaghetti tubing.

From binding post No. 4 run a spaghetti-covered wire under the sub-panel to the remaining filament terminal of socket  $J_2$  and run spaghetti-covered branches to the remaining filament terminals of sockets  $J_1$ ,  $J_3$ , and  $J_4$ , to the terminal nearest panel  $S$  on by-pass condenser  $G$ , and to binding post No. 5. Do not worry about the fact that you will be connecting the minus battery terminal of the battery with the plus terminals of the sockets, and vice versa, because the plus and minus markings of the sockets mean nothing anyway, and in many makes of sockets both terminals are simply marked "FIL".

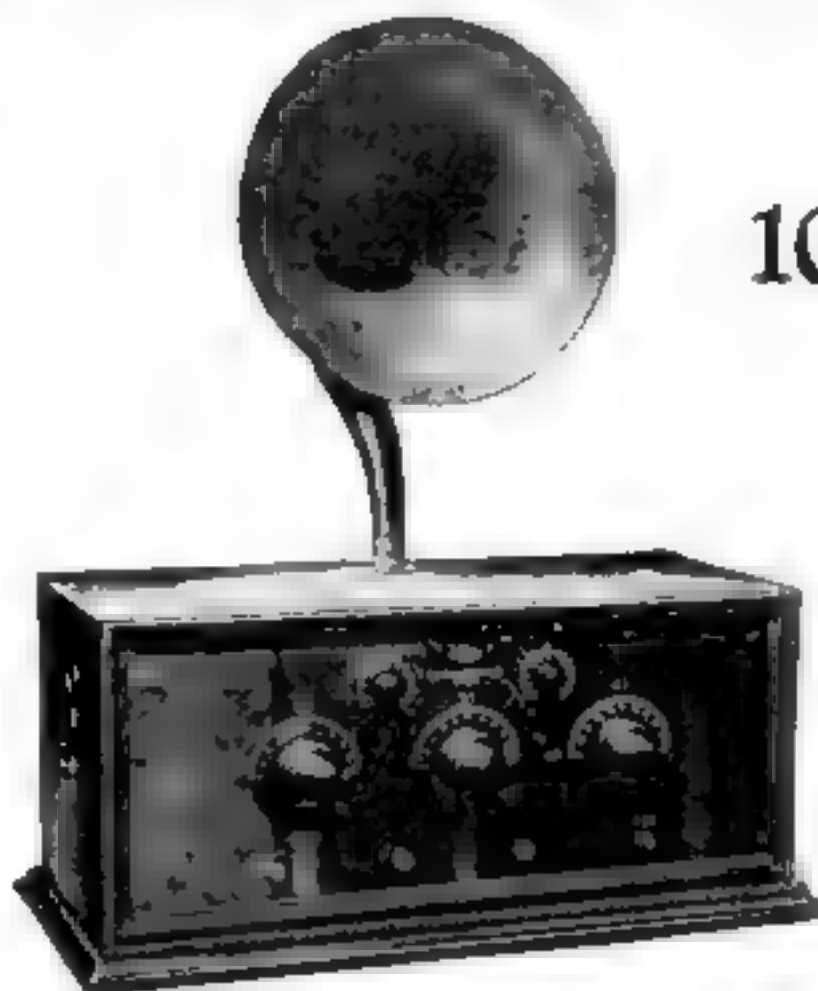
**NEXT**, run a spaghetti-covered wire under the sub-panel from binding post No. 6 to the plus B terminal of transformer  $I$ . Now run a wire across the bottom solder lugs of jacks  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  and the top lug of jack  $Q$ , and from this wire run a spaghetti-covered branch through the hole in the sub-panel to binding post No. 7. The terminals of the jack  $Q$  are reversed in this fashion in order to keep the polarity of the current through the loudspeaker or phones the same in all three jacks. In the closed-circuit jacks  $P_1$  and  $P_2$ , the bottom lug contacts with the tip of the plug, while in the open-circuit style of jack ( $Q$ ) the top lug contacts with it.

Now study Fig. 8 carefully and see how the plate resistances  $O_1$  and  $O_2$  are held in place by means of wire clips soldered to the center lugs of jacks  $P_1$  and  $P_2$ . Bend up the wire clips and solder them in place so that the resistances may be sprung into them as shown in Fig. 8. After this is done, you can solder the coupling condensers  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  between the plate and grid terminals of sockets  $J_2$ ,  $J_3$ , and  $J_4$  as shown in Fig. 8. Each pair of .006 fixed condensers is placed so that the solder lugs are together. A capacity of .012 instead of the usual .006 is a slight advantage in passing the lowest musical notes.

Next, connect a short piece of wire between the top lug of jack  $P_1$  and the plate terminal of socket  $J_2$ . Make the same sort of connection between jack  $P_2$  and socket  $J_3$ , and then connect the lower

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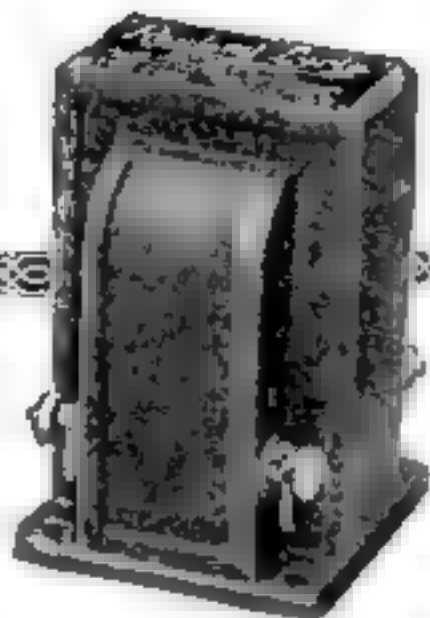
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## A Four-Tube Set to Fit Your Phonograph Cabinet

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lug of jack Q with the plate terminal of socket J4.

Look at Fig. 5 again and see how the grid leaks M and N are supported by the holes in condensers H1 and H2 and wire ribs branching out from the switch side of the rheostat connections. Bend these two wire clips into shape and solder them in place as shown. After this you can connect the grid terminal of transformer I with the grid terminal of socket J2, as shown in Figs. 2 and 8.

The tuning circuits have been left until the last to allow more room for work on the lower part of the panel.

Wire the secondary circuit first. Run a wire from the rotary-plate terminal of condenser D to the plus filament terminal of socket J1 and continue it across to the bottom connection of the secondary coil B. Next, run a wire from the stator-plate terminal of condenser D to the top terminal of coil B. Solder one terminal of grid condenser E to this wire and connect the other terminal of condenser E with the grid terminal of socket J1 with a piece of wire about 1 inch long (see Figs. 2 and 4). This completes the secondary circuit.

THE plate circuit is finished by connecting the terminal of coil I with the plate terminal of socket J1, and the other with the P terminal of transformer I. Between this latter wire and the wire from the rotary-plate terminal of condenser D, solder by-pass condenser P (see Figs. 2, 4, and 5).

The antenna circuit wires are shown clearly in Figs. 4 and 7. The top end of the primary coil A is connected directly with binding post No. 1, and the bottom end of the coil is connected with the terminal nearest panel B of condenser G. Now, connect the remaining terminal of condenser G with binding post No. 2, with spaghetti covering on the part of the wire under the panel. This completes the wiring of the receiver.

### HOW TO INSTALL THE RECEIVER

The first step is to remove the wooden partitions in the record compartment of the phonograph cabinet. Then set a wooden strip  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch thick around the inside of the cabinet about 3 inches inside the door. Fasten this strip with wood screws. A door should be cut in the back of the cabinet, as in Fig. 1, so that the dry-cell B batteries can be placed in it behind the set, and so that tubes can be changed and antenna connections made.

The easiest way to cut the door is to mark it off with a pencil, drill a hole at a corner, and saw down one side with a keyhole saw. Now fit the hinges across the slot and screw them firmly into place. Next, saw down the opposite side and fit the latch or bolt. It is then a simple matter to saw across the top and bottom and you will be sure that the hinges and latch will fit perfectly.

Below the bottom edge of the door drill holes for the antenna and ground con-

nections and the wires to the A battery.

The receiver now can be placed with the panel against the wooden strip and holes drilled near the edges for wood screws to hold it in place.

The storage battery can be kept in the nearest closet, and if care is observed in the wiring of the antenna and ground connections and the wires to the A battery, no one will notice that there is a radio receiver in the room when the phonograph door is shut.

### TO OPERATE THE RECEIVER

After the installation is completed, the necessary connections with the antenna and ground and A and B batteries are made, the rheostats K1, K2, K3, and K4 should be turned off, the tubes inserted in the sockets and the switches R1, R2, and R3 pulled out. Then the rheostats shown in Fig. 3 should be turned on slowly, one by one, until the tubes glow dimly. Next, insert the loudspeaker plug in jack Q and turn the dial of condenser D slowly until a signal is heard. As soon as you hear a local station, turn all the rheostats up slowly until the point of maximum volume is reached. Then place the plug in jack P1 or P2 and turn the tickler coil dial C until the point of maximum volume with perfect clearness is reached. After a little practice you will find the way to turn the tickler dial so as to get maximum regeneration without oscillation or whistling sounds.

Switch R1 cuts off all the tubes, while switch R2 cuts off the last two tubes, and switch R3 cuts out only the last tube. You will note that the arrangement of the switches is such that they control the tubes that are connected with the jacks immediately under them. Thus it is easy to form the habit of pulling out the switch when plug is inserted in the jack.

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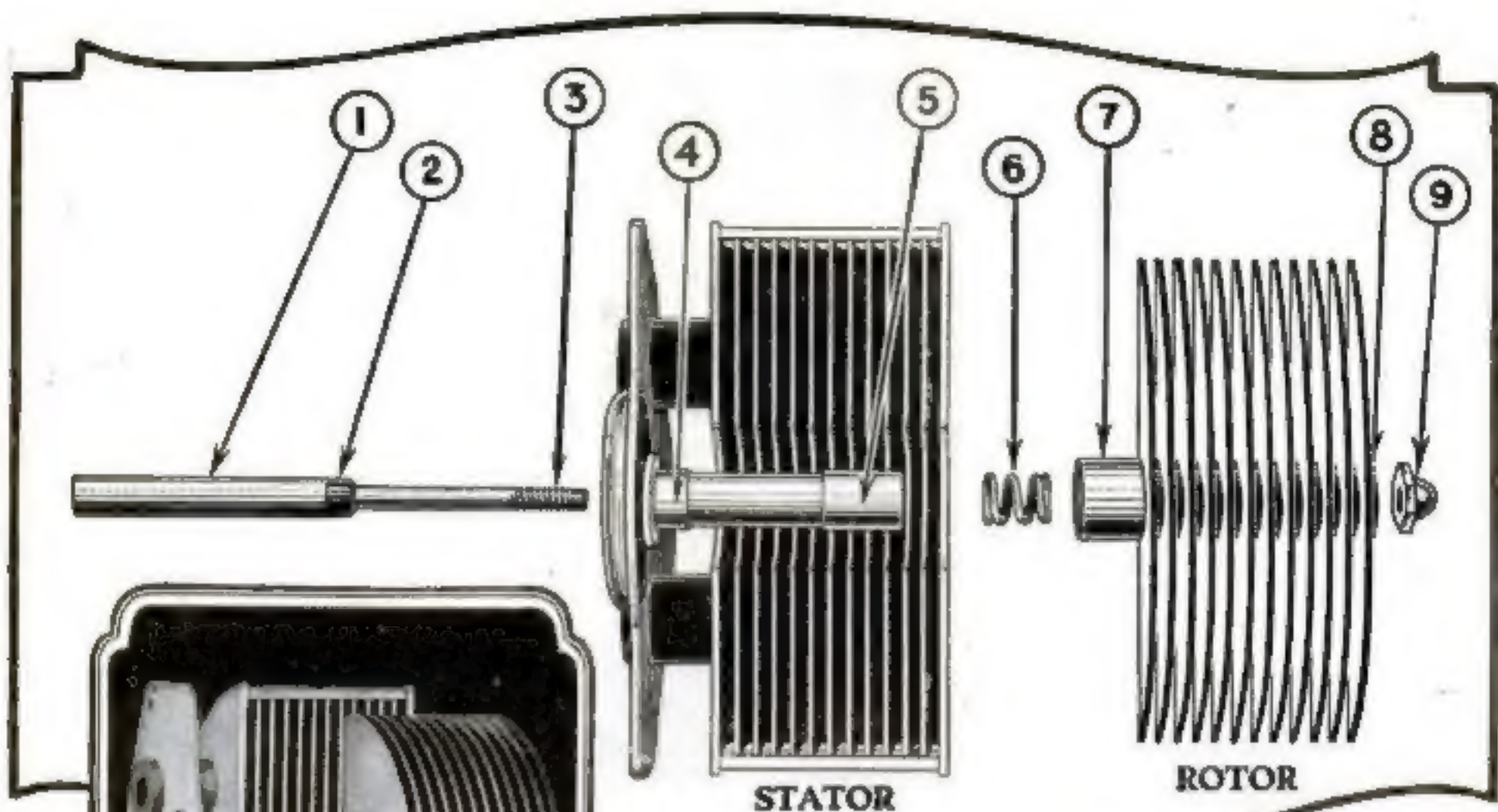


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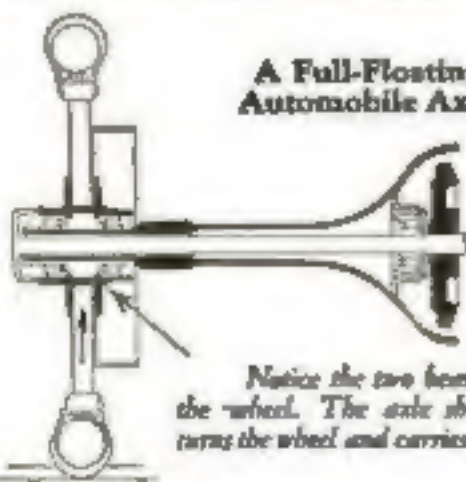
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